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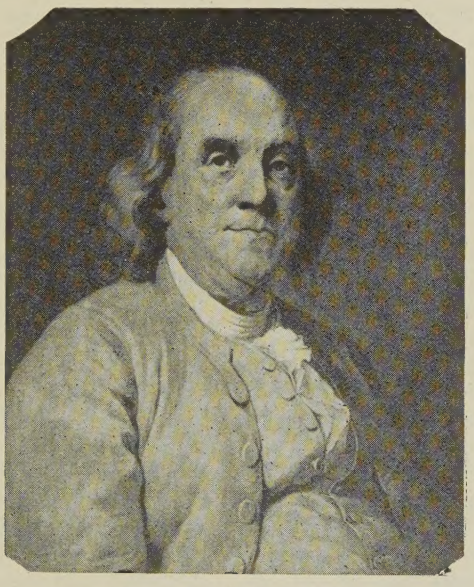
The Month of Our Nation's Birthday

A Good Time to Retrospect

BY LUTHER M. KUHNS.

ONCE interested in it, biography is both a fascinating and an instructive study. This year brings us to the study of a great life. This year is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. His life interests us especially, because next to Washington, he was the greatest figure of the American Revolution, nor can we forget his services in the framing and adoption of the Constitution. Like others, he had his faults; weaknesses unworthy of imitation and sins to be avoided. Nevertheless Franklin was a great man. His life, if it teaches us of today anything that is of force, is that it is worth while to know what we think. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Thinking is largely the man himself. Out of the heart are the issues of life. And it does matter what a man thinketh. Clean, pure thinking is an aid to right living. The life of holiness does not rise in the foul mouth, nor does constant purity of thought come from a corrupt heart. Even men in their greatness may, and do fall. A David fell. It is the slips and falls of men like David, of men like Franklin that cloud their greatness, often by a single act, that give emphasis to the value of purity and chasteness in thought, word and deed. The blessed results of right living is seen in domestic happiness, filial piety, the welfare of the family and Church, and last but not least, the prosperity of the State.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

History has value. Macaulay speaks of it

as philosophy teaching by example. For all our splendid progress of today, we cannot afford to break with the past. There are the foundations of today. To arrive at the meaning of the larger things of the present we must turn to history and study its examples. Thus, at the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of a Congregational church in a metropolitan city in one of our own mission centres, the scholarly pastor of that church took occasion, in his commemorative sermon, to say there was no more important subject to engage the attention of the members of the Congregational Church than the diligent study of history, and especially of their own denomination. Good! It came home with force to us. We want to pass it on to our own Luther Leaguers. We want our members to make a prominent note of this statement of this Congregational minister. It is good for us as Lutherans to learn the roots from which we are sprung. We can only judge the present fairly and equitably by the past. But first of all we must know the history of our own rise and progress. It will help us, too, to clearer vision for the future, and mistakes, if any, can be avoided the better by knowing the way by which we have come. On the occasion of a great jubilee Kipling wrote "Lest we forget." This thought was impressed upon us by some remarks in an address we recently heard. It has been reinforced by some reading we have been doing. It is, first of all, the debt of the Church of today to its pioneer home missionaries. They did the planting. Theirs was the seeding of our present harvesting, both East and West. Our thought, however, is of our Western pioneer home missionaries; and to these men the Church owes much. The men of today who have entered into the fruits of their labor can only tell, in the second place, by contrast what they owe to those who blazed the way before them. Robert Louis Stevenson in his narrative "Across the Plains," under date of 1879, describes some of the crudities and miserable inconveniences of his trip from New York to San Francisco in his journey across the plains of Nebraska and Wyoming. Except for the crowd and volume of business we cannot recognize the excellent railway system of New York of today. Circumstances are so entirely different now from what they were twenty-five years ago. Circumstances and conditions are so entirely different now from what the men of the fifties knew in the last century there is no comparison. It is the contrast. This tells of the heroic struggles and the uncomplained of sacrifices the early home missionaries made to establish our Church in the West. Certainly when we note the strength and development of our Western work, we, in the third place, have every reason to gratefully acknowledge the Apostolic spirit of the men who led the van in the Church's forward march at home, and made the opportunity of today both possible for us and also made it our responsibility. A distinguished professor of English literature in one of our Lutheran colleges says in one of his books: "The pioneer in a new and fertile country often, without intending it, fixes the site of a future city and the aspect of a whole landscape for hundreds of years after his death." As we consider the results of today as from time to time they are reported to the Church, we are profoundly grateful for the solid work of the Church's pioneers and for the wisdom given them to devise wisely in the beginning of things.

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It is related that the Czar of Russia recently ordered an investigation as to conditions of home life in Finland, a province of his. In his report one of the investigators makes this statement:

"In the village of Nordban, having a population of only forty people, I found a woman who had six sons and four daughters, and all the sons are strong and the daughters good housekeepers. I asked her how she had brought up ten children so well and so obedient. She replied:

"'We love the same God and the children love their mother. We obey the same God, and all of them obey me.'"

That Lutheran mother gave a bit of domestic philosophy in that reply. Would that it were of more general application.—Lutheran Church Visitor.

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"Whatever their occupations, Christians have but one business in the world, viz., the extending of Christ's kingdom; and merchant, mechanic and banker are under exactly the same obligations to be wholly consecrated to that work as is the missionary."—Dr. Josiah Strong.

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"Without order there is no living in public society, because the want thereof is the mother of confusion."—Hooker.

Luther League of New York State

Thirteenth Annual Convention at Binghamton, June 27-29

BY LUDWIG S. MAYER.

THE thirteenth annual convention of the New York State Luther League opened in the Church of the Redeemer in the Garden City of Binghamton, N. Y., Wednesday afternoon, June 27, at 3 o'clock. The pretty little church was decorated with the League colors. There were in attendance forty delegates and alternates, representing seven districts and thirty-eight societies.

After an organ prelude by Miss Ingwall, of Binghamton, the devotional exercises, consisting of hymns, scripture reading and prayer, were conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. C. A. Ritchie. A letter of fellowship and good wishes was read from President William C. Stoever, of the National League. President James M. Reynolds announced the appointment of these officers pro tem.: William Hess, of Buffalo, recording secretary; A. J. Peterson, of New York, treasurer. Following the roll call by districts, the minutes of the last convention were read and approved.

The very complete and excellent report of the Statistical Secretary, Henry D. Brandes, of New York, showed the following: Senior societies, 101; membership, 6,516; volumes in libraries, 3,603; contributed for beneficences, $10,210.98; Junior Societies, 24; membership, 863; contributed for beneficence, $144.39. This shows a gain of seven Leagues, 190 members, and amount contributed for beneficence of $3,289.75.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand last year of $1.73. Receipts were $122.49; expenses were $113.72, leaving a balance on hand of $10.50. There was contributed to the General Secretary's salary fund $85.80.

The press committee reported that over 250 press notices of the convention were sent out. Also that the District Leagues have been very dilatory in the forming of the district press committees, hampering the work of the State committee very much.

The report of the literature committee showed an encouraging advance in the work, especially in the New York City District League.

The Rev. M. J. Bieber presented greetings from the Luther League of Connecticut to the New York State League. On motion greetings from the Empire State were sent to the League of Minnesota, in convention at Albert Lea.

President Reynolds then presented his annual address, as follows:

To the Members of the Luther League of New York State:

I take pleasure in submitting for your consideration my third report as your president.

To those of our members who were present at our convention in Hudson, last September, the work of our State League since that time has been an almost complete fulfillment of all the hopes and high aims which that meeting evoked.

While the reports of the various officers and committees may not indicate the fact upon the surface, the State League as a whole, and as individual societies, is in better shape today than ever before to do the work which has been laid out for it, for the upbuilding of our glorious Mother Church.

In 1906, as in the previous year, the greatest emphasis has been laid upon extension work, and again most gratifying results can be reported, no less than nine new societies having been added since last September.

Every district in the State is doing progressive work, with the single exception of the Rochester District, where the work has been dormant for the past two years. However, we have many reasons for being exceedingly hopeful of reviving that work in the very near future.

The work of the New York District has been especially progressive and productive of results. Mr. Brandes, the president, has visited every society in the district, and is in close personal touch with each. This plan of personal visitation is one which cannot be commended too highly, as results have proven mutually beneficial.

It has been the policy of the present administration to urge all District Leagues to drop from their lists all societies that are not active, and in accordance with this line of action 8 societies are missing from the report of the statistical secretary this year; 6 of these being in the Mohawk Valley District, 1 in the Rhinebeck District, and one in the Albany and Susquehanna District.

Despite the losses, which place our membership upon a basis of *actual, active* membership, the total membership of the State League is reported at 7,379, a gain of 190 members, which is a most creditable showing.

The work of organizing the Junior Societies has progressed very rapidly during the past three years. Partly because the importance of the work has been more clearly recognized, and also because it has received special attention from the various extension committees.

Following the precedent established last year, the Statistical Secretary has again included the Junior Societies in his report. While these Junior Societies, in the majority of cases, have not directly affiliated themselves with the district, and through the districts with the State League, the fact that their senior and parent society was, was deemed sufficient reason for including them in the report, and to accept credentials from any of their delegates to this convention.

This preliminary statement brings us to the question of what relationship these Junior Societies should bear to the districts. Should they be received as members of the various districts or should they simply be considered as junior members because of the fact that the parent society is a member?

If the former, should *both* Senior and Junior Societies be entitled to a full delegation in the District and State Conventions, thus giving the church with a Junior Society a double vote and influence over the one having none? Or should the delegation be divided between the two societies? Are both Junior and Senior Societies to pay the same dues or are they also to be divided? Or are the dues to be regulated according to the fact of being either a Junior or a Senior Society?

While realizing that to a very large extent these are matters to be decided by each district for itself, it would seem advisable, for the sake of uniformity, that some recommendation along these lines be made by this convention.

The various standing committees have done their work faithfully and well. While no great material strides forward are reported by the various chairmen, the foundation for more effectual work in the future is being most firmly laid. The chairmen have labored earnestly and heartily.

There have been no changes in the make-up of the committees since the last convention.

On May 1st I appointed Messrs. Geo. D. Boschen of New York City, and Eugene A. Huber of Utica, as a transportation committee, the former as chairman, the latter as secretary, and the work accomplished in securing reduced railroad rates for this meeting is deserving of our warmest praise and thanks.

A series of questions on the Lutheran Manual, edited by Rev. S. G. Doneblazer, and approved by the author, Dr. Remensnyder and the National Literature Secretary, Rev. Chas. L. Fry, has been prepared by our literature committee, and is now in the hands of the printer.

When completed this pamphlet will be of very material assistance in our educational work. The Luther League of America has agreed to divide the expense of this publication with us.

At the last convention the recording secretary was instructed to compile from the minutes a corrected copy of our State Constitution, including all amendments to date. This has been done and the work placed in my hands.

If the convention so decides, it would be very advisable to have a limited number of copies printed for the general use in the State work.

To our satisfaction and very material assistance, the responses to the various letters sent out by the State officials have, as a whole, been very prompt; much better, in fact, than in any former year.

Since the Hudson Convention it has been my privilege to visit five societies and two not yet connected with the State League; to attend the conventions of two District Leagues; to hold eight conferences and committee meetings in various parts of the State and to send out over four hundred letters.

At all times and under all conditions, the support accorded and the favors extended to me by the various Leagues everywhere have been prompt, courteous and cheerful, and my personal work during the past year will be ever a most pleasant memory because of this loyal, hearty co-operation.

The seventh convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Canton, Ohio, October 30-31-November 1. Your attention is officially directed to this meeting in order that New York State may be fully represented, as befits the Luther League of the Empire State.

The financial condition of the State League is not what it ought to be.

With our income limited to the dues from the various districts and "societies directly connected," and to the offerings at the conventions, the utmost economy is needed to simply meet necessary running expenses.

In addition, at present we are further handicapped by the fact that the work in the Rochester District has been dormant for several years past, and no dues have been paid.

The responses to the special appeal made last fall for offerings by the local societies were a very decided disappointment; but nine societies responding, or less than 12 per cent.

While realizing to the utmost the many financial demands being made almost constantly upon our young people, I feel that the importance of our work justifies my urging this convention strongly to take some steps to place our treasury in position to at least meet necessary expenses promptly.

The present income of the State League is less than 1 1-5 cents per capita per annum. As was pointed out in my report last year, the condition of our treasury is a very decided handicap to any progressive work, on the part of our various committees, other than personal efforts when opportunity affords.

My report for the past year would not be complete without some reference to the loss our work has sustained during the past year, in the death of those three men who have done so much for us in days past: William J. Steinhauser of Rochester, formerly president of the Rochester District League; Frank A. Hartranft of Philadelphia, chairman of the National Finance Committee, and J. Martin Rommel of Philadelphia, also a member of the latter committee.

With a deep appreciation of the loss we have sustained in the calling to their reward of these true servants, I would recommend that some action be taken to place upon record our sorrow. The Luther League of Minnesota is in convention today at Albert Lea, and I would suggest that New York State send a message of fraternal greeting, on behalf of the Leaguers of the Empire State, to their president, Rev. Frank C. Jensen.

In reading over the reports of the various District Conventions held this year, which have come to me; in noting the attendance at these meetings and the helpful and practical nature of the subjects discussed; in a general review of the entire field, I cannot but be impressed with the fact that our work has been truly "Onward and Upward"; that there has been a distinct advance in the conduct of our work, and that the work of our Lutheran young people in New York State is on a firmer, better and higher basis than ever before.

The following resolutions are herewith submitted for your consideration:

First—That the State Executive Committee be instructed to prepare and submit to this convention an amendment to the constitution, whereby a more equitable division of dues and a larger income to the State League shall be secured.

Second—That each district be urged to emphasize strongly to all its members the importance of the support of the general work of the Luther League and of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, both financially and otherwise, and of increasing the use of the Luther League Topics.

Third—That the Executive Committee be authorized to have printed an edition of the State Constitution for general use in the State work.

Fourth—That each District League be requested to submit to the State President, for his guidance and information, a general report of its work yearly, preferably about December 1.

Following the announcement of the committees on nominations, audits, and reports and resolutions, the Rev. Dr. Kunzman, general superintendent of the English Home Missions of the General Council, was given the privilege of the floor, and spoke a few words on the growth of the Lutheran Church.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session opened at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, with an organ prelude, anthem by the church choir, and liturgical exercises conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ritchie. The convention sermon on "The Cross Within the Heart" was preached by the Rev. Paul M. Koller, of Hudson. He took for his text the seventeenth verse of the first chapter of St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. He said:

The text suggests four thoughts. First, the cross within the heart is belief in the atonement of Christ, the fundamental truth of Christianity. It saturates the New Testament from page to page, from beginning to end. One fundamental source for the uplift of humanity is the belief of atonement. Second, with the cross in the heart as a badge of Christ and an emblem of the sacrifice of Christ, it is a confession of our allegiance to Christ and His kingship. He is a King over nations. He is more than that, He is our King, and is enthroned in your heart and in mine. He expects something from us, first of all the giving of our allegiance. This giving implies that we bend our wills to Him and surrender our impulses to those of the Great Master. Christ has within Himself the two great things that hold the allegiance of humanity, sacrifice and personal love.

The speaker dwelt on the required service and spoke of the consecration of self to the work of the Master. The growth of Christian character is not made in the quiet of meditation, but in the thick of the conflict. Take the principles of Christianity and apply them to the problems of this life. Third, when

Christ and the cross are within the heart, then you have power for the living of the life that is true, and the performance of the daily round of duties. When the cross is within the heart you can find the hidden mysteries of life. Fourth, when the cross is within the heart we have the assurance of joy and peace and comfort, typified by a black cross in a red heart resting in a rose. The secret of a tranquil heart is to have the cross within the heart. The world cannot move nor shake you with Christ in the heart. You are above the storm that shakes the earth, you can look into the future unshaken.

Following the sermon the delegates were welcomed to the church by the Rev. C. A. Ritchie, pastor, and to the city by the Hon. H. H. Woodburn, Mayor of Binghamton.

Mayor Woodburn was introduced by W. L. Bradt, who paid the city's chief executive a high tribute. Mayor Woodburn said there was little left to say after Mr. Koller's excellent sermon, but announced that he would try to give a few thoughts along that line. He said that he extended the keys of the city to the League delegates, and then spoke, in part, as follows:

Mr. Koller was right when he said that it needs sacrifice to be a Christian. It costs something to stand in the limelight and serve the Master.

We hear people say that the world is progressing and that we are becoming old fashioned who believe in churches. But truth, honesty and virtue are not old fashioned and they are not changed. All over you hear of reform and you hear that reform will kill the cities. Did you ever hear of a city that was killed by a moral reform? If so, you are the only ones. Take a mining camp, for example, and it is quite the contrary. What is the first step toward civilization after the gamblers have had their fling? A church, of course. It is not true that morality kills a town. You hear people say that the world is growing worse. Don't believe it. The old world was never better and is getting better every day. Now, Leaguers, don't side step when people ask you about your League, but come right out and tell them. Get on one side of the proposition or the other. You ask any man if he is a Democrat or a Republican and he'll come out with his answer. You do the same. I can tell you people that all the honor, if it be such, that has come to me, has fallen upon me since I became affiliated with a church. When you are young that is the time to give yourselves and your lives to your Master. The church is the best place for a young man or woman, better far than a lodge. In trouble you look to your church and your pastor. When you are in health and able to do something, however, that is the time that you should continue it. Be true to yourselves, be true to your church, don't do any side stepping, but stand by the motto of your Leagues.

W. H. Rector followed the mayor and welcomed the delegates in a humorous speech on behalf of the League. President Reynolds responded pleasantly, thanking the people of the Binghamton church, the mayor and all the friends who had contributed toward the welcome and the hearty greeting.

He said that the cheery welcome had made the delegates feel at home and had put them at ease. Mr. Reynolds read greetings from Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, the General Secretary, who is in Minnesota.

Following an anthem by the choir, offertory, and a tenor solo by Augustus W. Ruwe, the session was brought to a close with the liturgical service, conducted by the Rev. J. Luther Sibole, of Buffalo.

THIRD SESSION.

The third session opened Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock with an organ prelude and a devotional service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Krahmer, of Saugerties. The report of the extension committee showed that the work has progressed favorably, and gains have been made in almost all of the various districts. The report of the corresponding secretary was also presented. The committee on nominations reported as follows: President, James M. Reynolds, Valatie; Recording Secretary, William Eck, Albany; Corresponding Secretary, D. W. P. Meyerholz, Brooklyn; Statistical Secretary, W. H. Rector, Binghamton; Treasurer, L. C. Smith, Rochester; Trustees, E. F. Eilert, New York; J. F. Dinkey, Rochester; Rev. W. C. Drach, Syracuse. On motion the secretary cast one ballot for the election of these nominees, and they were declared elected.

The first paper of this session, on "Our Bond of Union," was presented by Dr. Peter B. Van Wie, of Canajoharie, and was discussed afterward by Rev. Tucker, Rev. Krahmer, Rev. Kunzman, Rev. Boettger, Rev. Bieber, and Messrs. Eck and Flierl. Dr. Van Wie said, in part, as follows:

As members and co-laborers in the various societies of the Luther League, we should all recognize and have in mind the fundamental principle and object of our League, the early development and advancement of Christian principles in the minds of the young people, who so largely make up the membership of the Luther League, as well as of other kindred societies of our sister churches, and thus assist in laying the cornerstone and sure foundation of truly Christian character, upon which the future, further development of the Christian Church is based, and without which success would be swallowed up in ignominious failure.

It has long been recognized that the most efficient manner in which such labor can be performed is by the harmonious union of laborers. Christ exemplified that combined effort and principle was necessary to the salvation of souls, and taught us the principle of union when he said that "a house divided against itself could not stand," and the house founded upon the rock was the one not destroyed when assailed by the temptations and destructive influences of the evil one.

We cannot, however, be identified with all the different phases of the work of salvation of souls. While some labor abroad and among foreign lands, most of us remain at home to push forward the glorious work already commenced and fostered by those before us. While some labor among various denominations we must give our primary attention to the development of the societies kindred to our own Church.

The Church, the bride of Christ, is the great central figure around which all our societies revolve and her principles are the forces which hold us together as one grand constellation of Christian fraternity; yet, while our Luther League, representing but one small world in this grand constellation, and owes its existence and life to the great central figure, it has its part of the work to perform to keep in harmony with other societies and to regulate its own internal affairs.

As members of a Luther League we should strive to promote a feeling of closer fellowship between

and among its members socially, morally and spiritually—socially among those of different ages, temperaments and vocations. Let not the man, woman or child upon whom God has bestowed the bounties of luxury for that reason alone feel above his or her poorer neighbor. Let not the old despise the truly Christian pleasures in which the young find great enjoyment, and without which they would be starved, mind and soul, and in return let the young be educated to reverence and revere the silvery locks which crown the years of toil, experience and judgment.

But union in our individual societies is not sufficient. There must be a stronger union of societies. A world cannot control a constellation, nor a nation a world, neither a State a Union, nor a municipality a State, but each brings to bear its influence upon the larger, and the combined effort of all control the whole.

The threshold of individualism has been passed and the individual looks out upon a vaster expanse of Christian work, growing and progressing in the sunshine of God's love, and under its influence ripening souls to be gathered in the celestial harvest in the regions where angel voices unite in praise and adoration of the Lamb of God, whose throne comprises the heavens, the light of which is the light of love, that saves us unto eternal happiness.

Following the singing of a hymn, the second paper was excellently presented by Paul Brown Mattice, of Middleburgh, president of the Albany and Susquehanna District. His subject was "The Value of the Local Rally Service," and he said, in part:

To produce an effective rally service means large individual responsibility, wise planning, constant use of statistics, rigid comparisons and some outlay of money. All this takes brains, executive ability, patient and loyal co-operation of the membership. It is, therefore, not unnatural that the Church and the League should partake of the spirit of the time and aim to be practical as well as effective in all her services.

Rally services have a value depending largely on how conducted, influenced to some degree by the time and place of the service. Choose a date near or on which there is no other church service. Hold at least one rally service a year, if possible one each quarter. One of the greatest benefits derived from a rally service, if it is to be conducted by members of the local League, is the preparation and development of talent necessary for the service.

The essentials of the service are: a proper place of meeting, a novel and interesting program, an appropriate musical service, a resolve on the part of each member to make the service a success. A very important factor in the result of the rally is the surroundings in which it is held. I would suggest that if it is possible, all rally services be held in the church auditorium, because there is a spirit of reverence and respectful attention found here that no other place produces.

In the arrangement of a novel and interesting program, the executive committee will have a fine opportunity to demonstrate its ability. All preparations should be completed several days in advance, even to the smallest detail; then the development of the program will be a comparatively easy matter. Speakers should be chosen at least two weeks in advance, and only the best ones, whether you are using home talent or speakers outside. The subjects to be discussed should be given interesting names, that will arouse curiosity. Then let your services and program be well advertised.

Another important matter is the preparation of the musical service. Poor singing will dampen the enthusiasm of any meeting. Let your musical committee have entire charge of this part of the program. Special music, both vocal and instrumental, will be found attractive. If you want a good rally you must have good music.

The preparations for the service will develop talent in many ways: in the executive committee, by training them for a progressive and active laity, for future church officers and for every department of church activity. In the music committee it will develop ability. The choir, if it is a volunteer one, is constantly on the lookout for singers. Make your music committee a stepping stone to choir work. I can conceive of no better place where these talents can be brought out than in a rally service of the local league.

Another value of the local rally service is the stimulus it gives to work, more work in the gross effort of the society and on the part of the individual member. A great amount of enthusiasm will be aroused from within the League by this service. Let this enthusiasm be used in a practical way in putting more life into the society. Christianity consists in not merely being good, but in being good for something. Speak out, reach out, get to work definitely, earnestly, prayerfully by just such efforts as a rally service will call forth.

Enthusiasm may be aroused from without by the visit of an officer of the National, State or District Leagues. It will encourage your society, and bring the local organization in closer relations with the District, State and National Leagues. Then enthusiasm may be aroused from without by nearby societies assisting each other in rally meetings. The rally service will remind the community of the existence of the League. Publicity is valuable. Then again, there is an educational value in a rally service. It is now our prime duty to use every means that will raise the standard of intelligence of our Lutheran young people. Therefore, I would name increased intelligence as one of the results of a rally service.

The reading of this paper aroused much interest and a considerable discussion followed. Among other announcements were these two committee appointments: Executive—E. A. Hieber, Utica, chairman; Rev. J. L. Sibole, Buffalo, and the chairmen of the other standing committees ex-officio. Extension—H. D. Brandes, chairman; E. W. Shineman, Fred L. Rath, C. G. Grauer, F. W. Smith, F. E. Gugelman, Edwin E. Taylor and Rev. P. W. Koller. After the singing of a hymn, prayer and benediction were pronounced by the Rev. S. G. Trexler, of Brooklyn.

Fourth Session.

The devotional service of the afternoon session was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Wolford, of Middleburgh. The first paper of the afternoon was read by Miss Florence E. Fellows, of New York, chairman of the New York City District literature committee, on "A Practical Reading Circle." It follows:

Unless the foundation of a person's knowledge be firmly and carefully laid, in any branch of study, no one can pretend to be conversant with the subject. If this is true in music, in art and the sciences, it is no less true in religion. How few there are who pay any attention to gaining information along religious lines, especially doctrines. How many are there of the youth of any denomination who can give a satisfactory reason for the hope that is in them? If this is the case in our own church, then how can we expect to have intelligent Lutherans? It alas! too often happens when people drift into other denominations that then and not till then do they begin to examine doctrines—only those of the church of their adoption being studied—which is certainly unfair to the church of their fathers. How many instances there are of people who have taken up with some of the latest isms of the day, who tell us they never knew their Bibles as they do now. Let us ask them whether they ever before *studied* their Bibles. Naturally, if they did not read their Bibles, they did not study their church's history or doctrines. Not being familiar with these, and, consequently, not appreciating them to their fullest extent, they were easily led off to some of the new fads of popular belief. Cannot something be done to remedy this evil of

Christian people who are well informed along other lines and still do not study religious truths? Would that our Lutheran young people understood better and valued more the doctrines of our church! Young Lutherans, were they better grounded in the truths of their own church would not be led astray by every wind of doctrine, either into the dangers of higher criticism or into any of the isms so prevalent in our day. If they understood the doctrines of their own church better, they would appreciate our blessed faith and would be much more loyal to the church they *should* be proud to call their own. They would not stray into other denominations, claiming they have found what appeals to them, only because they have never cared to search in the Lutheran Church for the beautiful doctrines, which are hers. Though we should be loyal to our own church, still we should have sympathy with and love for our sister denominations, our motto being, "Loyalty to our own, with charity toward all."

While people develop and study along other educational lines, the religious ideas formed in childhood too often suffice for later years. In thus neglecting their religious training. they are more than apt to develop, unfortunately, into free thinkers and infidels. Where can the remedy for this be found? How has this need been met in the past and can it be met in the future?

At the conference for the Federation of Churches in New York, last autumn, it was suggested by Dr. Wenner that church schools be opened in order that children be taught religious as well as secular studies. Well would that plan be for the children, but what about those of a larger growth, who still need the instruction in doctrines which was neglected in *their* youth?

Could the Sunday Schools inculcate doctrines into the minds and hearts of the scholars? Let us answer that by another question: Is the teacher always sufficiently conversant with the doctrines to be able to impress them on the children's minds? Would that the children's hearts could be so imbued with the love of our dear church that they would grow to prize her as dearly as they usually do the teachers themselves.

The catechumens are taught the doctrines, but alas! how quickly most of them forget, which is partially due to the extreme youth of the catechumen and to the repugnance felt by the young toward what they consider uninteresting, and, as old heads seldom rest on young shoulders, we cannot expect conditions to be otherwise.

Young people of the Luther League, however, are old enough to appreciate these doctrines, but they need to have them taught and explained. The books of the Luther League Reading Course are admirably adapted for this purpose, and those who have studied them in their individual Leagues know how much help can be derived from such study. Sometimes the older and wiser ones among us have given helpful suggestions in the absence of the pastor. Young Lutherans do not appreciate their church because they do not know their church's doctrines; they do not know because they do not study. This being the need of our young people, the object of the Reading Circle naturally is to enlighten young Lutherans.

In New York City, with its numerous outside interests and attractions, it seemed difficult to find more than a few in each League interested in and willing to study the books of the Reading Course, consequently the plan was suggested of forming a Reading Circle, composed of young people from all the Lutheran churches, who would meet once a month for such study, the meetings to be held during the first week of the month, on different nights, in order not to conflict with the meeting nights of the various Leagues represented. The plan was adopted, and the Reading Circle met for the first time in March, 1905. The committee in discussing the plan concluded that if there were two present from each League of our city district, i. e., twenty persons who were in favor of this study and would attend, it would be worth while to hold such meetings. Even though we started out with the idea that numbers were not essential to the success of the plan, still the first meeting far exceeded our expectations. We were fortunate in being able to meet at St. James's, whose pastor is the author of the Lutheran Manual—the first book of the Reading Course, which is the one now being read and discussed at our meetings. After the Luther League devotional exercises, a chapter from the Manual is read aloud, those present usually following the reading in their own books. As one chapter contains so much food for thought, it is usually sufficient for a meeting. After the reading the pastor of the church at which the meeting is held, leads the discussion of the topic at length; then follow questions from any desiring further information. These meetings have met with success and favor and have become a permanent feature of our City League work, under the auspices of the Literature Committee. The member of this committee at whose church the meeting is held, arranges the details. Much credit is due the pastors upon whom we have always been able to rely for support.

Cannot such meetings be held successfully in other cities or in the country? We would certainly urge the forming of Reading Circles in other places. In villages, where the numerous allurements do not exist and where the social life centers about the church, the meetings could be held more frequently, which would be a great advantage. If meetings are held weekly or fortnightly, the interest in the study of the topic under consideration will be greater, is less apt to wane, and the study will be more systematic.

There will probably be a larger attendance, proportionately, yet a few earnest ones, interested in learning more of their church's history and customs should be sufficient excuse for the forming of a Reading Circle. The Sunday School teachers attending it will be better prepared to teach the doctrines and customs of the Lutheran Church, knowledge of which is so essential to every one bearing the Lutheran name, and will be better able to instruct their scholars in the catechism, the use of which is too often overlooked by our teachers, sometimes owing to the short space of time allotted to the teaching of the lesson. The mere reading of the catechism in the order of service does not convey as much to the scholar's mind as the teacher's explanation in simple language, just as the scholar's reading of the lesson at home must be supplemented by the teacher's thought.

The less we know about our church the less we will prize and love her, and those loving her the least will certainly not be among the active and earnest workers who will help our church's growth. As we become more intelligent Lutherans and more appreciative of her doctrines—our blessed heritage—we will become more enlightened Christians. Rev. Whittaker in the *Lutheran* writes: "Wherever you find a man true to the principles of his church, there you will find a man equally true to the practices of his church. Loyalty never stops short at church doctrines; it always runs out into church life."

Therefore, we would recommend that Reading Circles be formed for the better instruction of our youth. The conscientious Sunday School teacher will be glad of an opportunity to be thus enlightened; the better informed the teachers are, the better will the scholars be instructed in the truths taught in the catechism.

The second paper was presented by the Rev. U. A. Graves on "Opportunity and Responsibility." He said, in part, as follows:

Never were there so many opportunities for Lutheran young people—the opportunity is ripe. Our young people are not always as familiar with the work of our Church as they ought to be, and there is the opportunity for the Luther League. The young people are to help spread abroad the knowledge of our grand old Mother Church—its works, its doctrines, its polity. The opportunity of life comes to every one of us. Too many times we have waited too long, and the opportunity is gone. We have wasted many years, but in the last decade our Church has grown and taken its place in the world, I believe, all due to the efforts of the young people. The opportunities are many, but what are the responsibilities? They, too, are many; responsibilities that you and I must bear of our Church and our League are to be successful in their great work and undertakings. Are we strong enough to go up and take possession of the land our God has laid out for us?

The paper was discussed at length by the Rev. Mr. Kunzman, followed by Mr. Flieil, of Buffalo.

After the singing of a hymn, the Rev. A. Steimle, of Brooklyn, presented his paper on "The Dominant Feature in Our Young People's Work." The speaker used the three *pure* chords in music, the tonic, dominant and subdominant, to illustrate his remarks.

"The tonic chord, the foundation," he said, "is church life." He classified all church societies as committees in the church work. "The foundation chord," he said, "is the belief and confession of God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—to which we have vowed fealty and upon which we must be built if we are to be a Luther League. This chord cannot be used aright unless we use it with the dominant chord of the League, which is education. And these are the three notes of that chord: to strengthen, instruct and serve." The speaker laid great emphasis on the service, illustrating it with many instances of how such service could be given. The third chord was given as the social side of the League work, and its first note is sociability with the members of the League, those that are backward and bashful and slow to come forward. The second note is sociability in the going after those who have lapsed —who have gone astray. The third note is social service, sociability toward the newly confirmed, toward receiving the young ones who have just declared themselves.

The paper was intensely interesting and was one of the best, most apt applications of musical terms to a discourse the writer has had the pleasure of listening to in many years.

The privileges of the floor were extended to Dr. Charles S. Albert, of Philadelphia, who made a few remarks. Following the singing of a hymn, the session was closed by prayer and benediction by the Rev. J. L. Sibole, of Buffalo.

Rally Service.

The rally service held Thursday evening in Odd Fellows' Hall was successful in every respect, and the program a splendid one. Even the rainfall, which began shortly before the time set for the rally, did not dampen the enthusiasm of the delegates and their friends. The closest attention was paid to the two speakers of the evening, Rev. L. Franklin Gruber, of Utica, and Rev. Dr. Charles S. Albert, of Philadelphia. The devotional part was conducted by the Rev. M. J. Bieber.

The subject of the first address was "Unity in Diversity," and the speaker, Rev. Gruber, outlined the diversities of our Church abroad and at home, showing their connection and tracing them to their historic causes. He said:

The Lutheran Church has many diversities. It had its origin in a land of diversities. And as it extended to the surrounding countries, it added the diversities of language and the varied characteristics of the different nations. It was the Lutheran Church that first permanently gave the Word of truth to the people in their native tongues. And so she has ever been true to the Pentecostal principle that the people hear in their own tongues the wonderful works of God. Today she preaches in about as many languages as the rest of Protestantism put together. Thus, when we turn to this country with its cosmopolitan character, we might naturally expect to find the same great foreign lines of diversity meet here upon a common soil. But these very diversities of our Church which are at times pointed out by those who know not her spirit, have proved a real part of her strength. It is by virtue of these that she is able to meet the diverse external conditions of the many nationalities and temperaments to which she ministers. The speaker showed how these diversities have led to a misunderstanding of our Church by other denominations.

The true unity of the Church does not consist in an external union under one government, nor even in the universality of one particular form of government throughout the world. Nor does it consist in absolute uniformity in worship and ecclesiastical ceremonies, nor in any other external that may need changing with time and conditions. But, as our Church rigidly holds, it consists in the universal acceptance of the pure, unchanging faith and in the administration of the sacraments in accordance with God's Word. In the acceptance of the Word of God as the only rule of faith, and in the consequent acceptance of the confession of that faith in the matchless Augsburg Confession our Church stands united. But not only does our Church rejoice in a confessional unity in the Augsburg Confession throughout the world, but in her equally universal acceptance of the three general creeds of Christendom. In these, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian, she rises to a still broader unity as a genuine part of the true Church Catholic in all ages and nations. Thus amid many external diversities our Church stands united in an internal unity of the one apostolic faith and in its one common confession.

After telling of her common history and spirit of worship, the speaker sketched the controversies of the Church as historic landmarks in her development of internal unity. Continuing, he said:

The other branch of Protestantism has emphasized etxernal union and uniformity, which are of man, rather than internal unity of faith, which is of God, and the result is a hundred different denominations. There can be no real external uniformity unless there is unity of faith. But true Church unity based upon the faith of the Apostles has in it that unchanging element that assures not only oneness throughout the world at any one time, but for all times. It thus sustains the historic continuity of apostolic Christianity in a true Church Catholic. Our Lutheran Church has never broken in any essential with the true unity and continuity of ancient Christianity. But it is with our Church in this country that we are most closely concerned. In her diversities here she is on a parallel with our great land. It, too, is a mingling of many nationalities and of diverse races entirely without a parallel in the history of nations. And yet from these international diversities there is gradually evolving a national unity of a distinctly American people, in whose veins will flow the commingled blood of all nations.

After giving an extended review of the connection of our country's colonization with the history of European Protestantism, and with the Reformation, and showing also the denationalizing and Americanizing of our Church, and its providential place in the history of future American Christianity, the speaker concluded:

So out of our Church's manifold diversities in race and language and form, even now bound together by the invisible ties of a common faith, there will arise, we trust, also an exquisite, external and visible unity. And as it was the Church of the Reformation under God that brought forth the truth anew from the accumulated rubbish of centuries, so it is she that is chosen to conserve it to after ages. Founded as she is upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture, we believe it is she upon which the future of apostolic Christianity ultimately depends.

Dr. Albert's subject was "Why the League is Lutheran." He said, in part:

A number of clergymen called to discuss the forming of a League, and the subject which was most discussed was whether it should be Christian Endeavor or Lutheran. The subject was taken up on both sides and at the last I was greatly impressed by the statement of one man who said that the young people would be most impressed by their environment. Why do we desire a Luther League? In all the movements of mankind there seem to rise up unknown movements for which the people in some unknown way seem to be prepared. It was so with the Christian Endeavor Society. There seemed to be a call

for young people's societies all over the country, the people were ready for it and so the society was formed.

But in our Lutheran Church were many (let us face the truth squarely) who would not enter into a union with any other denomination. They felt that to be right, and it is not for us to question their motive or decide whether they were right or wrong. In the Church there seemed to be a need of a young people's society that Lutherans might enter. There was another thing. We are so diversified that it was felt that if some plan could be made by which the young people of the Lutheran Church could be brought together it would be a most happy event.

Therefore, we formed the League, and that is why the League exists and you are here tonight. There was another reason and that was to give our young people an opportunity to study the Church and its great men.

Amid all controversy the Luther League stands steadfast and immovable. What if some things are hard for you to realize, fellow Leaguers? The Bible is the heart of the gospel. As in other days the Lutheran Church stands immovable today.

Following the offertory, the service closed with the singing of Luther's battle hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

SIXTH SESSION.

The closing session opened Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock with the devotional service conducted by the Rev. E. H. Boettger, of Buffalo, after which President Reynolds read a telegram from the State League of Minnesota, in convention in Albert Lea, in response to the greetings sent from the New York State League.

The report of the auditing committee was read and accepted, and the appointment of these standing committees was announced:

Press—L. S. Mayer, Albany, chairman; Clifford Rockwell, Utica; Miss May Bradt, Binghamton; George J. Flierl, Buffalo; Mrs. A. R. Pardee, Rondout; Charles Foster, Rochester; Frank Needham, Syracuse; Edward Henes, Jr., New York city.

Literature—I. S. Runyon, New York, chairman; Rev. C. W. Leitzell, Johnstown; Frank A. Kalmbach, Buffalo; Harry F. Ziegler, Brooklyn; Rev. H. Manken, Oneonta; Miss Ora E. Cudney, Hudson; George D. Peters, Rochester; Rev. U. J. Klingensmith, Syracuse.

The report of the committee on resolutions was received and its recommendations were adopted.

It was moved and adopted that in the future the roll of delegates be called at the opening of each session.

The paper of the morning on "The Object of the Press Committee" was presented by L. S. Mayer, of Albany, chairman of the State press committee. It was as follows:

I desire first of all to express my thanks to the President and Executive Committee for giving me the last paper on the program. It is just the place I wanted. The last word is usually the longest retained in the memory; so while no one in this assemblage wishes more profoundly than I for a splendid flowering of the thoughts given out during these sessions, yet I am jealous enough for the Press Committee and its work to have the idea of the press work of the New York State Luther League uppermost in the minds of the delegates when they leave here to go back to their own Leagues. Indeed, I suspect that the other papers read here need no such subterfuge. If every one has enjoyed them as I have, there need be no effort of the mind for retention. Each one has spoken in just the right way, *just the right word*, amply, lucidly and convincingly. The problem the Press Committee is grappling with needs a little dinging into the minds of our people, as many worthy, though on the face of them uninteresting things have needed and are needing right along every minute of the day.

Let me say that the time has gone by when publicity in church matters could be regarded as unseemly and superfluous. The Church today is no longer the narrow institution of former days. It is a tremendous social activity of many and varied branches, interdependent and reacting upon each other. It is a part of its business to know, and it *ought* to know the aims and the trend of work in other churches, that it may take unto itself the good from all of them. And it, in turn, must give out that which is worthy of emulation. The exchange of Church ideas is as important in the world today as the exchange of economic ideas, or political ideas or labor ideas. Rules for ethical rectitude and the management of organizations for social and spiritual uplift invite comparison as well as methods for the conduct of business or politics. The interchange of ideas is a sign of civilization, morally, socially and industrially. Men meet and discuss questions today as they never did before. Great congresses assemble year after year to talk about civic improvement, housing for the poor in large cities, recreation for the overburdened, the spread of alcoholism, the need of safety devices in workshop and factory; their prime object being to correct existing evils and make the world a better place to live in. The churches are interested in all these things. Many of them originate such movements and their influence is a mighty force in propagating them. While they have their own specific work to perform, and which they alone can perform, it would seem, yet they are hand in hand with the world's activities, leaving their touch where it will do the most good and seeking to apply Christian principles to the practical problems of life.

The world knows of these great movements through the press. A speaker, no matter how powerful his voice, can reach but a limited audience, but the morning paper at the breakfast table reaches an audience from Maine to California, from Florida to Puget Sound. The post horse and courier are not for this age. The call of the twentieth century is the printed page, summing up the world's doings—its good work, its philanthropies, its deeds of courage and mercy, its thousand and one wonderful accomplishments—as well as the happenings of which the prejudiced and vulgar seem to take sole cognizance. We find exactly what we are looking for in this world. If we are looking in the newspapers for the fine things, the high things, the helpful things, be sure they are there. If, on the other hand, we have a sneaking and morbid love for murders, suicides and police happenings, why, we will find them there, too. The sea is a great, blue, splendid, eternal force. We love it, admire it, fear it, perhaps, but for its grandeur alone. Who sullies his mind by thinking perpetually of the Necropolis at the bottom. It is there, it is a part of it, but we are concerned with the other phases.

The newspaper is the friend of the Church, and it is ready and willing at any time to help her disseminate the good she is doing—the helpful projects she may have in view. It gives up long columns to Sunday church programs, social activities, plans and announcements of church work. Hardly anything of the kind is, in newspaper parlance, "turned down" by the editor. He may be obliged to condense sometimes, but he is willing at all times to give the gist of things. Because of his generosity (for religious reading notices are rarely paid for), one church will read of what another is doing to interest its people, to raise money for some particular cause, to best solve the problem of its poor, and straightway this church becomes fired with the desire to go and do likewise or something still better, perhaps, and thus the vital force of all the churches is nourished and kept vigorous, for there is nothing like healthy action in the

church, as in the individual, to develop to their fullest extent the powers for usefulness.

The Press Committee of the New York State Luther League is not yet a year old, but already it is able to use its feet a little. It was organized last year to stimulate an interest in the State Convention and to spread the news of the convention wherever Lutherans were to be found in the State. The possibilities of the work appealed very strongly to those interested, and it was decided in convention to extend it to the several district and local Leagues. The object of this was not to advertise individual work, but to bring to the notice of the people the church work accomplished by our young people as a body, or collection of bodies, that it might interest other young people and rouse them to some kind of Christian effort. The various Leagues would then learn of each other's efforts, and this constant stimulation would serve to bring about a closer communion between our churches.

The way in which the work can be best accomplished, and the way in which we are trying to accomplish it is through the Press Committee extended to the local Leagues. Each League in the State, through its committee member or reporter, brings to public notice through the newspapers its various doings, showing in this way that it is active and aggressive and up to the spirit of the times. In this way also it attracts young people outside of the League to its membership, and may serve as a model of energy and activity to other Christian organizations.

It is the earnest desire of the State committee that each district and local League throughout the State will understand the importance of this work and effect a thorough organization without further delay. Don't hide your light under a bushel, but let it shine out brightly and make the path clear for others. It would really be a simple thing to start the whole movement if everybody were willing to help. With the whole State at work we might expect splendid results. As it is, although we are in the experimental stage, the results have more than justified the existence of the Press Committee, and with the support it deserves, it will accomplish the end it has in view—namely, the growth and uplifting of a young organization, than which there is no better in the world and none better worth striving for.

Work outside our daily bread and butter routine is apt to be a little irksome, especially if it is the kind known as a labor of love. Yet, aside from the enlargement of views and sympathies sure to come with it, there is nothing more wholesome for the soul's discipline. To do something that will benefit others—that will help to lift others up—that is the whole mystery of Christ's teaching. That is the keynote of this humanitarian age. Aristotle recommends the doing of something every day that one did not wish to do as the best of training, the best preparation for exigencies, the best thing for the rounding up of character. I agree with this good Greek, but I would go further and say, "Do this work until it ceases to become work; until it is a joyous expression of yourself. Put such life and enthusiasm into it that it will ever be a delight to the doer and an inspiration to those it seeks to benefit. That, to me, is the Christian ideal.

How many are willing to help us? I am sure that every delegate here is a worker in some stage, but we want your help for more and better things and to spread the good tidings of work well done. We want you to *labor with us;* to lend us your brains and skill whenever you can, and not leave us battling alone at headquarters with a problem that needs a million minds and a million hands and eyes that see every corner of New York State, and over into other States, and, little by little the whole great Lutheran world.

The discussion which followed was participated in by Messrs. Rector, Flierl and Reynolds and Rev. Sibole and Rev. Steimle.

The Question Box, which followed the singing of a hymn, was conducted by the Rev. M. J. Bieber and brought out many helpful and interesting questions and discussions.

The beautiful closing service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Ritchie. Rev. J. L. Sibole, Rev. Dr. Frank Wolford and Rev. A. Steimle spoke each a few strong words of retrospect and encouragement.

Friday afternoon was given over to sight seeing by the delegates in chartered cars provided by the League of the Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton. The convention proved to be helpful, and brought out many excellent thoughts which will be of great benefit in the years to come to the Leaguers throughout the State.

In Quest of Happiness

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CHAPTER I.

THE white moon was calmly shining in at a third story window of a big brownstone house, casting streams of silvery light across the floor, when the door opened and a young woman entered the room.

Eunice Clayton looked charming in a handsome gown of pale pink silk, a necklace of pearls encircling her fair, white throat, a bunch of beautiful roses fastened in her girdle.

She had just come from a ball, and as she entered, she heaved a deep sigh. From the very first she did not care to attend, but having been persuaded by her friend, she went, hoping there to drive away the strange, tormenting thoughts which for the past few weeks had seemed to haunt her brain; terming them as thoughts foolish for one so young in life to have.

"It is the will of God that we enjoy life," she argued—why should not she enjoy the life He gave.

As this argument seemed a good one, she had gone forth, if not entirely satisfied, at least for a time content. But now, weary and ill at ease, she stepped into her boudoir, and casting her mantle from her shoulders, she dropped into a chair which stood before the fireplace, in which the last few embers glowed.

As she sat there, she fell into a sort of

soliloquy: "Am I happier now, after the splendors and gayety of it all, than before? Has it brought me the joy I had anticipated? No; and why not? Why, ah, why did I go there?" She sobbed aloud as she leaned her head upon her hand. Gazing into the dying fire, her blue eyes filled with tears. A long time she sat lost in reverie. "What makes me so unhappy?" she broke forth again. "Is there any one as miserable as I? Why is Marion Gray so cheerful and happy? What is the secret power?" The last few embers dying as though in sympathy with the darkness, which had settled over her soul, revealed nothing to her The clock in a neighboring church tower struck the hour of one. She covered her face with one hand and strove to rouse herself from the strange, half fainting sensation which possessed her. Slowly she withdrew her hand from her eyes and faintly sighed, "Pshaw, I am tired and nervous. I will retire now, and tomorrow I will feel better."

So saying, she arose to disrobe; as she crossed the room, her eyes fell upon a little Bible which Marion had presented to her on her sixteenth birthday. "Marion" she softly whispered. Marion was a school chum, and, during their school days the two girls had been firm friends; but when their school days were over, Eunice entered the higher circles of society, while Marion—who had been deprived of both parents when still very young—had been educated, and taken into the quiet home of a dear old couple who were very fond of their young protégée, with her sweet smiles and winning ways. Always bright and animated, joyous and happy, she cheered the home and hearts of the old folks as a ray of sunshine in winter. And so the ways of the two girls lay somewhat apart, their meeting now being but occasional. "Marion!" murmured Eunice again, as she took the sacred volume in her hands. "Has this aught to do with her happiness?"

She stood in the centre of the room, in the full glory of transparent moonlight, her eyes directed toward the Source of light—a beautiful, but sad picture. At her feet lay the roses she had worn but an hour before. She had carelessly thrown them upon the little round table which stood in the centre of the room, when she had entered, and now they had fallen to the floor, where they lay, faded and dying, and now, with their last breath diffusing sweet perfume, as if to say, "We give all that is left in us of life."

"Will I never be happy?" asked Eunice, as though to inquire of the big orb shining in the sky. But the big moon quietly shone on, returning no answer.

A white rose, which had rested in her luxuriant auburn hair, fell from the loosened tresses, just as a big tear rolled from her eyes, both falling among the faded flowers at her feet. Instinctively she lowered her eyes to the book in her hand and half resolved to open it. Her fingers had already unfastened the little silver clasp, which bore her monogram, when suddenly she turned. Had any one spoken? She was sure some one had whispered in her ear the words, "Not tonight—you are too tired now." She saw no one.

"Mere fancy," she thought, a scornful smile playing around the corners of her mouth. "Does my mind deceive me so?"

A small picture had slipped out from between the pages and fluttered to the floor. It was the scene of the "Crucifixion." She hurriedly stooped to pick it up and to replace it within the sacred pages, trembling, she knew not why, as she did so. She snapped the clasp of the little book and continued, as she moved from the light, "Yes, I am tired now, and will take my rest; tomorrow will do just as well"; thus yielding to the evil influence of an invisible enemy. She laid down the volume carefully in the place where it had lain before for many a day without having been opened, and retired. But sleep, that wonderful restorer of nature, refused to come to her tired eyelids. She tried to stop her ears against the voice.

Could she but have seen who the tempter was that whispered to her, could she have known that a few minutes given to the searching of the Holy Scriptures would have revealed to her the key to her happiness, could she have known that here was the turning point of her life. But alas! she knew it not; she heeded not the call of the Holy Spirit. She obeyed him whose work it was to tear from her heart the tiniest seed of faith that might have sprouted there.

How many hours she had spent heedlessly, carelessly; but too tired to give a few moments to sacred meditation. She turned restlessly on her pillow, weeping passionately. Again the resonant sounds of the clock slowly rang through the solemn night: "One—two."

Two o'clock and still no rest!

Toward morning, exhausted in both body and mind, Eunice fell into broken slumber.

(To be continued.)

Luther League Topics

Practical Topics, reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Eighth Week After Trinity. Aug. 5, 1906.

Obligations of the Confirmed

Luke 9:57-62.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: Why was I confirmed? Should the life of the confirmed differ from that of the unconfirmed, and how? The solemnity of the obligations of the confirmed.

Lessons for our own lives: 1. The all-inclusive obligation of the confirmed is to follow Jesus. Our Lord Himself shows, in the Scripture lesson, that this means giving up all (even that which is most dear) that conflicts with entire devotion to Him. To the man who thinks it is a light thing to come after Him, Jesus points out the denial of self that is involved. To the man who finds a reason for delay, even what seems the most sacred duty, Jesus claims that He must come first. Not only what is in conflict with the right, but what is of less importance than the chief duty is to be unhesitatingly rejected when Jesus calls. Besides what is obviously necessary to a consistent Christian life, the confirmed member of Christ's Church must ask what, in following the Lord, He would have him do. Is it to be a pastor, a deaconess, a foreign missionary? When you took the vow of your confirmation you surely promised to let the Lord choose your life work for you. But would there be so few who enter these callings, and so many who give their lives to the pursuit of gain if this obligation of the confirmed were remembered and recognized?

2. The confirmation service shows in detail what the obligation of following Jesus involves. There is first, the renouncing of all that is evil. "The devil and *all* his works and *all* his ways" are to be abandoned. There is no reservation of pet sins, no place for the choice of self will. The confirmed has settled it once and for all that he will do in every case, not what Satan or self would dictate, but what God would have done. There is but one question, henceforth, not "Do I want to" but "Does God want me to?"

Then comes the full acceptance of the truth of God, not as a mere holding fast of doctrine (though that is important and is promised), but as the taking hold, with the heart, of the Triune God, whom the Creed enables us to know and leads us to trust. It is not anything or any one who is called God, but the God of the Scriptures, and of the true confessions of our own pure Church, whom we have chosen and to whom we have vowed allegiance. It is a part of our obligation to hold that pure faith precious, and not to be deluded with the idea that it makes no difference how much it is mutilated. Until it can be shown that the faith we have been taught is not Scriptural, our obligation is loyalty to the Church that taught it to us, and not to any other.

And last, our obligation is to "serve the Lord Jesus Christ by a godly life." To *serve* Him. Not what we can get, but what we can give, is the Christian aim. Not "to be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease," but to render service to our Lord. It may be only the "cup of cold water" that we can give, but we are bound to give what we can. And what does the "godly life" demand? Much; but at the very least these four things: Regular attendance at the services of the Church, frequent use of the Holy Communion, daily reading and study of the Word of God, and constant prayer. Without these things a godly life is impossible.

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Ninth Week After Trinity. Aug. 12, 1906.

Christian Life: Church Attendance

Hebrews 10:19-24.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What are the benefits of church attendance? Why is it not "just as good" to worship at home or in the fields? What is the lesson of the example of Christ?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. Church attendance, regular and faithful, is a duty we owe to *ourselves*. The "godly life" we have promised God to live, the life involved in our baptismal covenant, cannot be lived if we forsake the assembling of our selves together. We may think otherwise, but if we do we are doomed to find ourselves mistaken. The Word of God would not demand it, the example of Christ would not commend it, if there were not value, even necessity, connected with this observance. We need the explanation of the Word, the application of the Word to our experiences, the power of the Word as preached; and not less, we need the sense of Christian fellowship, the uniting of our prayers and songs with the

The Luther League Topics, complete lessons (of which the above are outlines and reviews), in 32-page pamphlet, covering three months, can be supplied at rates given on page 31 by Luther League Review, Box 876, New York, N. Y.

Christian congregation. All this is indispensable to a strong, deep Christian life.

2. It is a duty we owe to *the Church.* Others need us. The empty places are a discouragement to the pastor and to our fellow Christians. We have no right to make their work harder, no right to despise their brotherhood and to count communion with them in worship a thing of no worth. It is a distinct help to the success of the congregation to have many attend upon the services. Strangers who come in are warmed and attracted by the evidence of interest and activity. We cannot, dare not be indifferent to the influence of our presence upon the growth of the Church. If our congregation cannot depend upon us to do all that we can to strengthen it, to whom shall it look?

3. It is a duty we owe to society. What would the world be without the Church? What would the Church be without its assemblies on the Lord's Day? Why is any other person more responsible for the keeping up of these assemblies than I am? And what would become of Church and public worship if all the confirmed members were as slothful, indifferent, discouraging, neglectful as many are? The very existence of the Lord's Day is dependent upon the Church. Its preservation as a day of rest, for tired workers, hangs upon the Church. All the social and economical benefits that have come from the observance of the Lord's Day are the result of Christian influence, chiefly exerted through the necessity for Christian worship. And every one who uses the day for mere friendly visiting, for pleasure, for idleness, instead of for rest and refreshing of the spirit in the Lord's House, is doing what he can for the abolishing of the day and its benefits. Abraham Lincoln said: "As we keep or break the Sabbath Day we nobly save or meanly lose the last, best hope by which man rises."

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Tenth Week After Trinity. Aug. 19, 1906.

Christian Life: Bible Study

John 5:39-47.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: Why is Bible study necessary? What methods of Bible study? What is the place of Bible study to Christian life?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We need to get the conviction that Bible study as a daily, indispensable employment is a *necessity.* The trouble is not with lack of time. We get time for what we consider necessary. We get time to take food for the body thrice daily. We get time for the business engagements, and the social engagements which we consider to be indispensable. We get time for every necessity of life. The reason we don't get time for the reading and study of our Bibles is that we push this aside for what seem to us more important things. But there is nothing more important. Christian character, the keeping of our vows, the preservation within us of the very life of God itself, is involved in the faithful use of the Word, not less in our private devotions than in our public worship. Why are Christians so weak, so easily overcome, so empty of power, so self indulgent, so indifferent to the appeals of Christ for His work, so far from all that they should be? Is not the answer simply this, that they are not earnest, constant students of the Word? There is the source of our failures. Having the Word, which is able to make the man of God perfect, "thoroughly furnished unto all good works," we leave that fount of power and strength untouched.

2. We need to read and meditate and pray for devotional profit. The kind of Bible study which we do get is so largely a study of the history and the literature of the Book. This is good, indispensable, but what we want to do when we take time for a quiet use of the Word alone, in our "closet," is to read a verse at a time, then stop and think what it means, what it meant for the men and the time when it was spoken, and what it means for me today; then pray, turning the verse and the meditations which have arisen from it into petition. Already many passages are prayers, and many others need only the change of a word or two to put them in the form of prayer. But there are also many which yield or suggest prayer to the thoughtful heart. It is such a blessed way to read, this mingling into one of prayer and the Word; this dialogue with God, letting Him speak to us, and then, on the basis of what He has just said, offering our response to Him! Try it. Use the Word. Search the Scriptures. Thus only can you be "thoroughly furnished."

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Eleventh Week After Trinity. Aug. 26, 1906.

Christian Life: Prayer

John 16:23-30.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is prayer? What are the conditions of true prayer? What is it to pray "in His Name"? What is the place of prayer in the Christian life?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. There is no such thing as a "Godly life" without prayer. The more prayer, the more surely is a Christian life behind it. Spurgeon, who was an old-fashioned Calvinist, says in one of his sermons that the man who prays when he is alone need not doubt that he is one of the elect. Certainly prayer, the spontaneous turning of the heart to God, with thanksgiving, supplication and intercession, is as surely evidence of a genuine life of God in the soul as the regular breathing of the child is evidence of life in its body. And the converse is true. Where there is no prayer no Christian life exists. The truest Christian is he who feels God and speaks to Him, not only in words at certain set times, but in all his acts, to whom every phase of daily living is an offering, a prayer, to God. Yet the need for a fixed order of prayer is none the less evident. Every day must have its time and place for the secret worship of each individual Christian, an hour and a place that is inviolable, that belongs to God, for His Word and for prayer to Him. "Chinese" Gordon, even when on his campaigns, at a certain hour of every day, laid his handkerchief on the sand outside his tent door, and all understood that so long as it lay there he must not be interrupted on any pretext. It was his time to be alone with God. And he was not only an eminent Christian, but an eminent general.

2. The all-inclusive condition of prayer is that it be offered in Christ's Name. To pray in His Name we must live in His Name and love in His Name, striving and hoping and having all our ambitions in His Name. The son who receives help and encouragement and wins success in the name of his honored father because he bears his name, is of his blood, and is one with him in character and aim, may serve partially to illustrate how praying in the Name of Jesus means an identifying of ourselves, through His Spirit, with Himself, so that the Father, in hearing us, is hearing Him. Prayer strikes its roots deep into the soil of the entire spiritual life. Let us beware of imagining that merely to add to our prayers the words "In Jesus' Name" is to pray in His Name and to secure the promise; and let us question: "Do I truly ask *in His Name?*"

Daily Bible Readings

July 8. IV Trinity—Genesis 18:17-19; Ephesians 6:1-9.
Monday—Genesis 46:28-34.
Tuesday—Proverbs 13:1-25.
Wednesday—Mark 4:1-20.
Thursday—Mark 4:21-41.
Friday—Romans 14:1-23.
Saturday—Romans 12:1-21.

July 15. V Trinity—Proverbs 22:6; II Timothy 3:14-17.
Monday—Deuteronomy 4:1-24.
Tuesday—Deuteronomy 4:25-49.
Wednesday—Ezra 7:25-28.
Thursday—Mark 6:1-12.
Friday—Luke 4:14-32.
Saturday—Ephesians 5:15-21.

July 22. VI Trinity—Isaiah 28:9-13.
Monday—Psalm 1:1-6.
Tuesday—Proverbs 27:1-27.
Wednesday Ecclesiastes 12:1-14.
Thursday—Matthew 17:1-13.
Friday—Ephesians 6:10-18.
Saturday—I Thessalonians 3:1-13.

July 29. VII Trinity—I Peter 5:5-11.
Monday—Matthew 8:18-27.
Tuesday—Luke 11:27-36.
Wednesday—John 15:14-27.
Thursday—I Corinthians 13:1-13.
Friday—Galatians 5:1-9.
Saturday—I Peter 1:1-25.

Aug. 5. VIII Trinity—Luke 9:57-62.
Monday—I Kings 8:1-11.
Tuesday—Exodus 20:18-26.
Wednesday—II Kings 23:1-3.
Thursday—Mark 6:1-6.
Friday—I Corinthians 1:1-31.
Saturday—James 2:1-26.

—July will be a busy month this summer at Northfield. There will be four distinct assemblies during this month, each standing for a specific line of Christian work and each attempting to give the best possible help to those interested in that field. The first of these, the Student Conference, will be over by the opening of the month. The second, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mount Hermon School, which represents a part of the educational work begun by D. L. Moody, will take place from June 30 to July 3. It is a singular coincidence that during the same year which Mount Hermon celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary as a school, the Student Volunteers celebrate at Nashville the twentieth anniversary of their organization, which took place in one of the school rooms of Mount Hermon. The third gathering, the Northfield Young Women's Conference, occurs July 5 to July 15. Its corps of speakers include Rev. A. Edwin Keigwin, Rev. Joseph N. Blanchard, Mr. Robert E. Speer, Rev. A. F. Schauffler, D.D., Rev. John McDowell, Rev. Stanley White, Rev. Albert H. Plumb, D.D., and Miss Margaret Slattery. The closing half of the month will be occupied by two Summer Schools. These are a Summer School for Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, July 17 to 25, under the auspices of the International Conference of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, and a Summer School of Methods for Sunday School Workers, July 21 to 29. These two assemblies overlap in such a way that any one may take advantage of both. They stand for the most thoughtful handling of missionary and Sunday School work and both are under the guidance of well known leaders. A partial list of the instructors includes: Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.; Rev. A. W. Halsey, D.D.; Mrs. A. W. Montgomery, Mrs. Lawrence Thurston, Mrs. Theodore Crosby Bliss, Mrs. Charles N. Thorpe, Miss Helen B. Calder, Miss Margaret Slattery.

Luther League of Minnesota

Eighth Annual Convention at Albert Lea, Minn., June 26, 27 and 28, 1906

BY ADELIA C. MONSEN.

ONCE more the Luther League of Minnesota has met in convention. Although the attendance was comparatively small, a most interesting convention was held, and all responded heartily in the general discussions, which were very helpful.

The convention was opened on Tuesday, June 26, at 4 p. m., in Holy Trinity Church, with devotional services, conducted by the President, Rev. F. E. Jenson, and Rev. C. W. Valentine. Following this was a short business session, at which time reports were heard from the various officers. The statistical secretary reported a total membership of 1,133, representing twenty-four Leagues. The total offerings from these Leagues for local objects and benevolence were $3,625.59.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session opened on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock with devotional services, led by Rev. F. E. Jensen, after which the address of welcome was give by the pastor loci, Rev. J. A. E. Naess. In behalf of the Minnesota Luther League President Jensen responded. After a vocal solo by Miss H. Louise Johnson delegates were called upon for impromptu remarks.

At the close of this session an informal reception was held at Hotel Freeborn, thus affording an opportunity of meeting friends from various parts of the State. An excellent musical program had been prepared by the local League for this occasion.

THIRD SESSION.

On Wednesday morning the delegates again assembled in Trinity Lutheran Church. After the singing of several hymns the Scripture was read and prayer offered by Mr. Verner, of Minneapolis. Two new Leagues were added to the membership—the Luther League of Northfield, Minn., and the Luther League at Winnipeg, Manitoba. In connection with this business session several phases of the work in the State were discussed. A paper on "The Place and Work of the Luther League," prepared by Mr. K. Olaus Finseth, of Kenyon, was now listened to with great interest.

The nominating committee was now ready to report. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, S. H. Holstad, Minneapolis; Statistical Secretary, Nels Jenson, St. Paul; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Adelia Monsen, Albert Lea; Treasurer, Prof. A. T. Lagerstrom, St. Peter; Recording Secretary, Miss Gunda Mohn, Northfield.

FOURTH SESSION.

Wednesday afternoon's session was called to order and Scripture was read by Rev. Kuhns. Rev. G. F. Gehr led in prayer, after which we listened to a paper on "The Luther League and Inner Missions," by Rev. A. F. Elmquist, of Minneapolis. He brought out distinctly the work of Inner Missions and told how the Luther League could aid in this work. God wants all young men and women to work in His vineyard. After this paper was an interesting discussion, followed by a vocal solo by Miss Myrtle Wulff.

President S. H. Holstad.

The next number on the program was a paper entitled "The Luther League Developing Lay Workers and Lay Readers" by Mr. Nels Jensen, of St. Paul. He said that to develop active laymen we must train the young people to become active workers for Christ. He then told how to bring this about—by getting the younger element into the League, first by inviting them to attend the League services, and then gradually giving them small tasks and responsibilities. The meeting closed with prayer led by Rev. Warstler, of St. Paul.

After the close of this session the delegates and visitors were taken for a drive about the city by the local League.

FIFTH SESSION.

On Wednesday evening the vesper service was led by Rev. J. A. E. Naess, pastor loci, after which Miss Myrtle Wulff favored the convention with a vocal solo.

Rev. J. C. Roseland, the speaker for the evening, was then introduced. He spoke on the topic, "The Luther League a Spiritual, Intellectual and Social Force." The address was very ably presented. He began by telling about the greatness of the human mind and said that it was its own greatest problem. The mind is always receiving and imparting impressions and character is the result of influences brought to bear on the mind from within and without. Every thought leaves an indelible trace on the character; one thought may either ennoble or defile the soul. This power may be had by good reading. The Christian Church should further good reading in this reading age. No source of influence impresses the human mind today as does reading. Literature is a "mind record," and when we read we are constantly in association with somebody's mind, whether he be living or dead. The thoughts of a man live after him.

SIXTH SESSION.

Thursday morning Rev. Kuhns led in a Round Table talk before the calling of the regular session. Many problems of interest were discussed and many good points brought out.

The regular session was opened by Rev. Valentine, of Lindstrom.

Miss Trabert, of Minneapolis, read a paper which had been very ably prepared by Mrs. F. E. Jensen, of Lindstrom, on the subject, "Daily Bible Reading and Knowledge of Truth."

Rev. C. W. Valentine, of Lindstrom, next addressed the convention on a like subject, "Daily Bible Reading and Obedience to Truth." The meeting closed with prayer by Professor Melby, of Northfield.

SEVENTH SESSION.

After the devotional exercises, conducted by R. Hosvedt, of Northfield, ten delegates were elected to the National Luther League Convention at Canton.

A paper prepared by Mr. Oscar Saborn, of Minneapolis, on the topic, "The Presence and Influence of a Pastor in a League Meeting," was read by Miss Anna Peterson. This paper was ably discussed, and from it we may conclude that a pastor's presence is required at a League meeting.

Rev. Warstler, of St. Paul, discussed "The Junior League; (a) How to Arrange and Operate; (b) A Stepping Stone to Catechetical Instruction and the Senior League." Much information was derived from this address and its discussion. The meeting adjourned and the delegates and visitors were entertained by the Ladies' Aid Society. At 7 o'clock the local League took the visiting delegation for a launch ride on Fountain Lake.

EIGHTH SESSION.

The last session and the climax of the convention was held at 8 o'clock. Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., of Milwaukee, Wis., was the first speaker. His subject was "Our Church's Youth." He said in part, that youth is beauty; then the face is beautiful, the body buoyant and healthy, the mind alert and active. We are in a large sense responsible for the youth of the world, but in a more restricted sense are we responsible to our Church's youth—the Lutheran youth.

Misses Louise Johnson and Myrtle Wulff here favored us with a vocal duet.

The principal address of the convention, to which all had been looking forward, was delivered by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, the General Secretary of the Luther League of America, whose presence throughout the entire convention added special interest and inspiration. Rev. Kuhns, in speaking on the topic, "Luther League Fruits," gave a rousing address, which moved every one and which we wish we might give verbatim. He said ours is a splendid birthright. No one reading the history of the Lutheran Church can fail to see the revelation of God's hand and divine guidance. The Lutherans are the greatest Protestant body in the world, and third in America. The strength of our Church is the education of its laymen, as the Lutheran Church is the mother of parochial schools. In this age the greatest need of the Church is for able men—men of action, of heroes, of the type of Paul.

The convention closed with the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn, after which the benediction was pronounced.

As each one left the church and the convention city it was with a feeling of love and reverence for their Church and with a desire to further this Lutheran opportunity in America.

The Seventh National Convention

Of the Luther League of America

TEN years ago, when it was proposed to organize the Luther League of America, it was designated by one of our scholarly pastors as a "Campaign of Education." In emphasizing the element of personal devotion, and in calling into more active service of the Church her laymen prominent in the State and in business, the work of the League has been most kindly recognized throughout the Church. In keeping with the aim, the spirit and the work of the League to foster the spirit of loyalty, promote increased Christian activity, quicken among its members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith, and to promote among them a practical Christian life, the Church's opportunity and responsibility for missions—home, foreign and inner—have been brought to the attention of the laity at the great National conventions.

It is interesting to note how the practical work of the Church has been brought to our young people to engage their attention and to attract their study of the Church's need. Beginning with the first convention, the keynotes have been as follows: "Loyalty," "Literature," "Labor"; "Methods, Means, Men"; "Praying and Working," and "Believing, Knowing, Doing," as applied to our faith, our Church, and our practice.

A study of the National programs shows that the intent has been for solid, substantial training along lines approved by the Church. Latent talent has been called forth, and our confirmed young people have been taught the duty they owe their Church—Christ and service for Him has been emphasized, and there has come the intelligent zeal of young people—men and women whose enthusiasm is co-operating to the great objects of the Church under the federation of the Luther League. The whole Church has felt the stimulus of this enlisting of her sons and daughters in her work for missions and education.

With expectation we are preparing for another national convention. Of old the direction was, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that *they go forward.*" We may be assured no backward step will be taken. The cause of Christ and His Church will be uppermost. Scripture exhorts: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." In recognizing our Lutheran opportunity in America the Luther League will seek to "go forward," studying to be an approved workman. For, to give the Church a trained and an efficient laity is no small part of its object. In doing the Lord's work the questions often asked are: "What?" "Why?" and "How?" The details for that great gathering of Lutherans have not yet been worked out, but we are safe in saying the program will present a theme of wide interest and deal suggestively with practical topics for local application by our young people in local district and State work.

The responsibility of the Church is great. God's claims on us today are supreme. Our Church has needs. Our young people have needs. We need the Word and the Sacraments; and the Church, having received power, sees her opportunity to win and train her laymen for the largest possible service for Christ. "Be strong and of a good courage." These words are for us; and the National Convention at Canton will bring assurances to the whole Church that believes in educating her ministers and training her children in the Catechism, that the laity are alive and awake to the responsibility imposed on our Church for leadership of an educated, intelligent and Christian people.

The National Convention—
Think about it.
Pray for it.
Work for it.
This will make it a great success.

Delegates at Buffalo remember the splendid music of that great convention. Canton is a musical centre. The intimation comes to us from the Convention City that great things are in store for us, and the music will be equal to the best we have ever had. This means a great deal.

Watch THE REVIEW to keep posted on the convention.

Men, let us have hosts of men at Canton. We want our laymen, men and women, to become more interested in the work of our great and growing Church.

Now is the time to make your arrangements to attend the next National Convention of the Luther League of America at Canton, Ohio, October 30, 31 and November 1, 1906.

New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio are great Lutheran States. They may be depended upon to send large delegations to the National Con-

vention. These, with those who shall come from the North, the South and the West, should make the National Convention exceed in size any previous gathering. The railroad and trolley lines make Canton easy of access from all parts of the country. If you have never been at a National Luther League Convention, be sure to attend this one. It will repay you to look into the faces of Lutherans from all parts of the United States.

The program of the National Convention at Canton will interest every Lutheran. No better ever has been offered at a national convention. It is too early to tell all about it, nor would it be well at this time to attempt to give a full forecast. But the theme is in keeping with the Luther League's educational purpose. It is:

"Knowledge—Fact;
Wisdom—Tact;
Understanding—Act."

Practical Luther League topics will be discussed by competent Luther League workers. One feature of the program will be a "Review of the Decade."

Among the speakers already secured is Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Springfield, Ohio, a prominent Lutheran layman and a distinguished citizen of Ohio, who will speak of "The Lutheran Church in Ohio." Rev. Dr. William J. Miller, of Pennsylvania will speak on "The Bible An Educating Power." Other speakers are President Kildahl, of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and President J. A. W. Haas, of Muhlenberg College; and the list is not yet complete. But THE REVIEW feels safe in predicting a feast for all who attend the Canton convention. The list of speakers is a guarantee of itself.

The local committee is arranging the special musical features. Canton enjoys a fine reputation in this particular, and you will not be disappointed, and will sustain our Lutheran reputation for singing.

The daily morning devotional services will seek to give a spiritual uplifting to the sessions. The themes for these services will be, for the first morning, "Spiritual Education," and for the second morning, "Motives for the Acquirement of Wisdom." The program, as already outlined, is calculated to stimulate our activity and foster our loyalty.

Report From Our General Secretary

EXCELLENT reports of increased Luther League activity reach the secretary. They come from many different parts of the Church. One of the most cheering of these items is the renewed interest in the work in Connecticut. We are also informed of increased interest in many of our local societies. And there has been a steady demand for Luther League literature. We are glad to respond to these requests.

At St. Joe, Mo., one of the oldest towns on the Missouri River, and distinguished in the early days as a terminal of the famous "Pony Express," we presented the work of the Luther League in the morning, conducted the young people's prayer meeting in the evening, and preached at night to a small but attentive audience that had braved the welcomed storm that broke the drought.

It was the privilege of the General Secretary to participate in the dedicatory services of the Kountze Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church, Omaha, and to speak of the Lutheran Church on "Lutheran Night," when all the Lutheran churches in Omaha were invited to be present. It is nearly half a century since the General Secretary's father organized this congregation, that today rejoices in a church property easily worth $125,000, and a house of worship that is one of the finest in the denomination. It is a monument to missionary effort and a sufficient affirmative answer to the question, "Do home missions pay?"

We attended the meeting of one of the conferences of the German Nebraska Synod at Ridgely. We appreciated the interest manifested in the work, and are grateful for our very cordial reception.

At Atchison, Kan., we attended the meeting of the board of trustees of Midland College. We were hospitably entertained at "Oak Hall." To meet with the student body at the table, in chapel, and to breathe the college atmosphere revived memories of our own glad college days. This institution has enjoyed a most prosperous year. There is a fine Luther League in connection with the college church, in which the students are deeply interested. One of the signs of promise for the future is this interest of the students in all our Lutheran

colleges in the work of the Luther League. We sincerely regret to learn of the death of an ardent Luther Leaguer, Mr. Will Trabert, youngest son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George H. Trabert, of Minneapolis, Minn., at the age of twenty-three years. About seven weeks ago, in his own home, we spent a delightful evening talking Luther League to a little company he had gathered for a conference on methods and means. A university student, and enthusiastic in his desire for service for Christ, he burned with an intelligent zeal to be doing something practical for his Church. No member of that little company of young men and women will forget the spirit of that meeting, now so emphasized by Will Trabert's death on May 30. In our sorrow we are glad for his Christian testimony. He closed his earnest young life with these words: "I am very weak, but I have a strong faith."

"Faith is sweetest of worships to Him who so loves
His unbearable splendors in darkness to hide;
And to trust to Thy Word, dearest Lord, is true love,
For those prayers are most granted which seem most denied."

We were privileged to attend the meeting of the North Platte Conference, held near Oakland, Neb., and to participate in the discussion of the topic, "Our Auxiliary Societies." It was a pleasure to meet the brethren and enjoy their Christian fellowship for three days.

At Grand Island two good meetings were held this month. Through removals this Luther League has sustained some serious losses. But it is highly gratifying to note the signs of others developing to take their places. We were pleased with the League's earnest spirit. We dropped in at Blair to see the excellent Publication House of the United Danish Synod. The editor is an old friend of the Secretary's. This establishment and Trinity Seminary reflect credit upon their constituency.

When a storm on the prairies gets angry it is very mad; the elements seem wild with passion and driven by uncontrollable rage. On the way to fill appointments last week we had a sample of a Nebraska rain. Saturday, in the midst of an electrical storm of rain, the engine broke down, and we sat in the car, while the driving wind forced the rain through the windows and ventilators of the car in little streams. On Sunday, as we were driving 7 miles across country for the evening service, way off in the west and northwest could be seen, near the horizon, signs of an approaching storm. Very soon after reaching the destination it broke upon the town and the rain descended in torrents. It is said this was one of the heaviest rains ever known in this section. The damage from it in Lincoln alone was estimated at $100,000. But the rain did not spoil our meeting, either at Rising City or at Surprise. Please note this, for both at Rising City and at Surprise the attendance was good, and considerable interest was evinced.

What we enjoy most of all is the little informal meetings for suggestion and methods of work with the League before or after the regular services. We are glad to learn these are appreciated by pastors and workers, and that they are not only interesting but helpful.

But now, ho for Canton! A friend put a little book in my hands the other day. It was the story of the career of René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle. That career began and ended with a divided responsibility. We were interested in La Salle's romantic career and his explorations; but we are more interested to have each State and each District Luther League, and each local society send their full representation to the Seventh National Luther League Convention at Canton, Ohio, October 30, 31 and November 1. Canton is preparing for a great convention. Let the Luther Leaguers feel a responsibility to be present. LUTHER M. KUHNS.

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Editorial

The Lutheran Church in America stands face to face with its greatest opportunity. As never before in its history its Home Mission work and its institutions are progressing with leaps and bounds. It is inspiring and startling. It fills us with serious concern. From many places comes the earnest call for more Lutheran churches. Field upon field is ripe for the harvest. Never has any Church in America had such a great and splendid harvest ready for the ingathering. But where are the reapers? O for more men for this great and glorious work!

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We make an earnest, a most earnest appeal to pastors, Sunday School teachers, parents, and to the young men themselves: Give us men for our Home Mission fields. Let us have an earnest and determined campaign for devoted young men to consecrate themselves to the splendid Mission work of our Lutheran Church in America, an enthusiastic campaign to secure young men for the ministry!

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With the fields so ripe and the demand for men so great, why do not our Synods appoint men whose duty it shall be to come before all our congregations and present to them, and especially the young men, the tremendous importance and the great joy and glory and privilege of the ministry. The hearts and consciences of sons and parents need to be roused and touched on this vital question of more men for the ministry. It will not do to sit down and bewail the fact that the fields are ripe but the laborers few. It is time to stir up our congregations to furnish the men. How important a part our Luther Leaguers can and ought to play in this respect. How many men are our Leagues furnishing for the ministry?

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If every one of our Synods would appoint an earnest and enthusiastic man to visit each congregation and present to them this one question of "more men for the ministry," we are sure that many excellent young men could be secured. The subject is such a vital one and the facts are so inspiring that we are confident that many of our best young men could be won for this glorious work. All they need is to have some one put the matter to them as it can and ought to be put by some official representative of our Synods, whose one aim and work shall be to secure men. A man selected and set apart for that work in each Synod would accomplish great things in settling the great and pressing problem of our Home Mission work. Which Synod will be the first to adopt such a plan?

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"What is man that Thou are mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou visitest him?" is a comforting text to those who are discouraged, tempted, tried; it is a blessing, too, to those who are in the midst of encour-

agement and success. It reminds us of the love of God to man, and that we are in the hands of One who is all seeing and all powerful, who gives to us our daily bread, watches and provides for us, and that we are safe in His hands.

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It is sometimes a matter of serious concern that the young people of the present generation have not the respect and consideration for parents and older people, and those of older years are reminded of their training by careful parents who insisted upon respectful attention to their wishes. And the command to honor parents is treated, as some other duties, without consideration, and as abrogated by the new dispensation. But it is a comfort to have had the discipline and care of a good father and mother, and when the father is taken away and the care left to the mother, if she be good, she leaves an impress upon the children, and their after life should be a thanksgiving for the Christian culture received from her. The fathers of today delegate the care of their children to the mothers in many cases, which should not be, because both are equally responsible, and should share the care. When a mother goes to a better land, only those who are left realize what she was to them, for she leaves an impress which can never be effaced, and the men and women of experience will always be ready to thank God for a good mother. When she reaches the psalmist's allotted period of life, and remains for even a longer time within this world, it should be a blessing to the family, and a comfort that her life was spared to show the saintship which the Lord gives to those of old age. Thank God for a good mother, and try to follow in her steps.

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And what an influence a godly mother can have in shaping a son's future. If, like Hannah of old, she consecrates her boy to God, he cannot in after life escape, but he must always feel the conviction that God wishes him for his work. Many a time a man has strayed from the right course, but his mother's prayers have brought him back, and made him an illustrious worker for Jesus Christ. We lament that so few are ready to give themselves to the Gospel ministry, but if our fathers and mothers would lay this matter upon their hearts and train up their children in the way in which they should go, there would be a great increase in the number of those who are ready to preach the Word. It is encouraging to note that in certain directions the number of applicants for a theological training has been increasing. We believe that this is owing to better home training and careful study of the Bible. This subject should be one of careful consideration, not only for the younger people of the Luther League, but also for the parents who are now in the midst of the training process, for with prayer and care we believe that God will give the increase in workers which we so much desire, and for whom there is such great demand.

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Recently, a man prominent in the councils of another Church, passed away with only a few moment's notice. His character and life, which were the nearest to saintship to those who knew him, is beautifully set forth in the following lines, which are commended to our readers as worthy of example:

"A man of God, peculiar among men,
Standing almost alone amidst the rank and file,
Breathing an atmosphere too pure, too rare
For common folk, and living all the while
As though the Christ Himself, the Best Beloved,
Were standing by his side, in closer touch
Than human friend, and giving wondrous grace,
The grace of God that meaneth, oh! so much!
Serene, untroubled, 'midst the stress of life,
Walking the darkness of an Egypt night,
When other men but tremble and despair,
With faith unshattered and with hope as bright,
Yea! turning from the grief to seek His face
To know again the Love Divine—and then
To seek and serve Christ's little ones on earth—
One of the rarest of God's noblemen!"

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Official Call for the Seventh National Convention

Canton, Ohio, October 30, 31, and November 1, 1906

In accordance with the cordial invitation extended, the Seventh National Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Canton, Ohio. After conferring with the local committee, the Executive Committee has designated October 30, 31, and November 1, 1906, as the time for holding the convention.

The arrangement of the program is in charge of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee.

REPRESENTATION.

Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning, and all District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership, with representation as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District Association to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates. Such delegates must present proper credentials to the Committee on Credentials.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The sub-committee of the Executive Committee who will arrange the program will be very grateful for suggestions in regard to topics in harmony with the General Theme of the convention, and speakers. To be of any assistance, the suggestions should be sent immediately to the Program Committee, care of Mr. George A. Baldwin, Rochester, Pa. Such suggestions should be received not later than April 1, 1906.

Blank forms for credentials for delegates will be sent on application by Rev. C. K. Hunton, Statistical Secretary, Salem, Va., who will also furnish gratuitously the uniform statistical blanks of the Luther League of America.

The Committee on Transportation, in an early number of THE REVIEW, will publish the details of the railroad rates.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will furnish official information each month relating to the convention. After the convention THE REVIEW will publish a Convention Number containing full reports of the proceedings. Arrangements should be promptly made to secure this full report.

Particulars as to hotels, boarding houses and other local arrangements will be furnished in due season by the local committee of Canton.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This call urges all Lutheran societies, of whatever name and however synodically related, to send their full quota of delegates to this Seventh National Convention. Preparation should at once be made by every Lutheran Young People's Society to be represented at the convention in Canton, and of which this is the official call. It is only through the united effort and the determination of each League to contribute its share that the convention will be a full success. Seeking to stimulate the various Young People's Societies of our Church to greater Christian activity and desiring to foster the spirit of loyalty to the Church, we would endeavor to quicken among our members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith, and to promote among them a practical Christian life.

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
General Secretary of the Luther League of America.

WM. C. STOEVER,
President of the Luther League of America.

Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

Greater New York

—In the coming fall Rev. W. Thun, heretofore at work in English seaports, will inaugurate the Seamen's Mission work in New York. He will be sent by the German Lutheran Seamen's Society, whose headquarters are in Hanover.

—Rev. H. A. Steininger, of Bloomfield, N. J., has accepted a call to St. Peter's Church, East 141st street, as successor to the late Rev. Hugo Richter.

—St. Matthew's Church, Manhattan, the oldest German Lutheran church in New York city, will remove up town to Washington Heights, having purchased four lots, on which a new house of worship will be built in the early fall. This removal will leave only two Lutheran churches farthest down town—St. John's, on the West Side, and St. Mark's, on the East Side.

—The fortieth anniversary of this institution was celebrated on Decoration Day, in the presence of several thousand visitors.

Philadelphia

—The Church of the Incarnation, Rev. N. R. Melhorn, pastor, consecrated, July 1, a handsome and churchly edifice to replace the one destroyed by fire about ten months before. The building is of the Gothic style of architecture, and seats about 700 people.

—The cornerstone of a new and beautiful church building for All Saints' congregation, near Wayne Junction, was laid on Sunday, June 24. A parsonage will also be erected. The total cost will be about $45,000. The pastor is Rev. H. E. Clare. The building will be of Holmesburg granite and will be Gothic in architecture.

—Trinity Church, Rev. S. A. K. Francis, pastor, celebrated its sixty-fifth anniversary on Sunday, June 24. The pastor made the anniversary address at the special services held by the congregation and Sunday School conjointly in the afternoon.

—On May 20 the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church raised $11,500 to pay the mortgaged and floating indebtedness on the church. The pastor, Rev. Herbert C. Alleman, in response to the sentiment at Messiah, has decided to remain, and the College Church, Gettysburg, Pa., to which he had accepted a call, magnanimously released him at his own request.

—Emanuel German Lutheran Church, Rev. H. Offerman, pastor, celebrated its fortieth anniversary on Sunday, May 13.

Chicago

—Several of the Lutheran churches of this city are projecting new church buildings. Ground has been broken for the new building of St. Paul's Church, Rev. L. Harrissville, pastor, at the corner of Hirsch and California avenues, the edifice to cost $50,000. Plans are under way for the erection of a large structure, costing about $40,000, at the corner of Hayne avenue and Le Moyne street, as the new home of the Wicker Park Church, Rev. A. D. Crile, pastor. The Bethel Norwegian Church, Rev. C. E. Tiller, pastor, has purchased a beautifully located lot on Humboldt boulevard, and will soon proceed to rear a $30,000 house of worship. Rev. C. O. Solberg, pastor of the Covenant English Church, has under contemplation the building of a small edifice at Robey and Iowa streets, the cost of which is estimated at $11,000. The newest organization of the General Synod, Unity Church, has appointed a building committee and hopes to push a building to completion before the fall is ended. Rev. Davy, the pastor, is greatly encouraged with the outlook.

—Calvary Church, Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, pastor, is about to purchase a large plot at the corner of Forty-second and Berteau avenues.

St. Louis

—The cornerstone of the new church building in process of erection for St. Paul's Lutheran Church was laid May 30 with appropriate ceremonies. The proposed structure is of Gothic architecture, in brick and stone, and will cost complete nearly $30,000. It is located at the corner of Kings Highway boulevard and Gibson avenue, directly opposite the southern part of Forest Park. The congregation was organized June 28, 1903, and now numbers ninety-three members. Rev. George H. Roen is pastor.

Pittsburg

—Last month the congregation of Mt. Zion Church, Rev. C. P. Wiles pastor, decided to provide the payment for its mortgaged indebtedness.

—The pastorate of Rev. H. C. Erdman in the Church of the Atonement ended on June 15.

—Rev. William Jentsch, of New Rochelle, N. Y., was unanimously called to the pastorate of St. Peter's congregation, East End.

Buffalo

—The Rev. Peter Altpeter was installed as pastor of the large, young, vigorous Church of the Atonement, Sunday evening, May 27. Rev. Altpeter is the third pastor of this congregation, succeeding Rev. Dr. Kretschmann, now pastor of St. Stephen's, West Philadelphia.

—Concordia Church has called, as successor to Rev. E. F. Bachmann, Rev. Adolph H. Holthusen, of Flushing, N. Y. Rev. Holthusen has heretofore been a member of the English Synod of Missouri.

—The annual festival of St. John's Orphans' Home, Sulphur Springs, will be held Thursday, July 19. Extensive arrangements are being

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St. Paul

—This city is to have another Swedish Lutheran church. Rev. B. Westerlund is engaged collecting funds for the purchase of a lot on Sherburne avenue.

—Trinity Church, Rev. Charles L. Warstler, pastor, recently celebrated its twentieth anniversary.

Toronto

—An effort is being made to start an English Lutheran mission in this city. Rev. John C. F. Rupp, of Morrisburg, has discovered a promising nucleus and is working energetically for the success of the movement.

Harrisburg

—The Church of the Holy Communion, which is only about two and a half years old, has decided to locate at the corner of Seventeenth and State streets, and has arranged to purchase a plot of ground there.

—Messiah Lutheran congregation, Rev. Rene H. Williams, pastor, at its annual meeting, agreed upon the erection of a $75,000 church building. The present church accommodations are too small.

Scranton

—On Sunday, June 3, there was laid the cornerstone of a new church building for St. Paul's Church, Rev. W. S. Heish, pastor. The new building is located at the corner of Wood street and North Main avenue.

Jersey City

—Rev. John E. Heindel, pastor Church of the Redeemer, this city, has taken steps toward starting a Lutheran church of the General Synod in Bayonne. The Church of the Redeemer is located in the southerly section of Jersey City, the boundary of which touches Bayonne. The population of Bayonne is 150,000, with two German Lutheran churches and no English Lutheran church. The city is full of Lutheran people, many of whom have left the German churches because they could not worship in that language, and as there was no English Lutheran church within reach united with other churches.

Miscellaneous

—Olaf Larson, formerly a member of Bethel Church in Chicago, recently living in Sweden, before his death disposed of his property in the following sums: To Augustana Hospital, $50; Augustana College and Seminary, $50; to the Illinois Conference for Home Missions, $50; and the Evangelical Fosterlands Stiftelsen, $162, one-third of which is to be used for Home Mission work and the rest for Foreign Missions.

—The late Mrs. Emelia Gonser, of the Millersburg (Ohio) Lutheran Church, the Rev. William P. Rilling, pastor, bequeathed to the local church $200, and to the Oesterlen Lutheran Orphanage the residue of her estate, which will amount to from $1,000 to $2,000, or perhaps more. In her life she was a devout Christian, who loved her Church. She left no immediate heirs.

—The unknown donor who recently gave the Philadelphia Seminary $50,000 for a library building added another $50,000 to his gift, when he discovered that the amount first given would be insufficient to carry out his wishes. This makes his gift the handsomest yet received within the General Council.

—At the commencement of Wittenberg College, on the 7th inst., President Heckert announced that the $30,000 necessary in order to secure the $30,000 donation from Mr. Andrew Carnegie to secure the new Science Hall had been more than subscribed. Its erection will be begun this summer.

—Mr. Luther H. Kreigh, a Lutheran layman, of Johnson, Kan., has been honored by Governor Hoch in his appointment to the bench. Mr. Kreigh succeeds Judge Carter as probate judge of Stanton County, Kan.

—Rev. Stephen A. Repass, D.D., for the past twenty-one years pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., died at his home on June 21, 1906. Dr. Repass was in his seventieth year of age and was born in Wythe County, Va. From 1873 to 1884 he was president of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the South, at Salem, Va.

—The late Mrs. Elizabeth Stoever, in her will, bequeathed $400 to Calvary Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor—$100 to the Missionary Society and $300 toward the debt fund. She was for many years a member of Calvary and the first president of its Missionary Society.

—Mr. Harold Thoreson, one of the founders of St. Olaf College, the United Norwegian institution (Lutheran), at Northfield, Minn., has promised $8,500 for a ladies' hall at the college, provided an additional $17,000 be raised. The present building for ladies accommodates only twenty, but during the present year 120 young women are attending the college. Steps are being taken to raise the required amount.

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NEW YORK.

—As many Luther Leaguers were interested in the Lutheran Reunion at Bellewood, N. J., the following report of that event is reprinted from The Lutheran: "The second reunion of Lutherans of Greater New York, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania was held Saturday, June 23, at Bellewood, N. J., on the line of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Even with the threatening and inclement weather about 750 persons were present, a considerably larger number than were present last year. The rain did not altogether interfere with the enjoyment of strolls through the beautiful and spacious grounds of Bellewood or with participation in the various other forms of recreation provided there. A brief, stimulating meeting was held in one of the pavilions in the afternoon. Mr. I. Searles

Runyon, of New York city, chairman of the executive committee, presided. Following the hymn, 'Now Thank We All Our God,' the responsive reading of Psalm 150 and prayer by the Rev. Dr. C. Armand Miller, the chairman, explained the objects sought to be attained through the reunion. The Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, of Philadelphia, the Superintendent of English Home Missions of the General Council, spoke on 'The Heroic Past of the Lutheran Church in This Country.' The assembled people then sang the hymn, 'The Church's One Foundation,' after which the Rev. Frederick H. Knubel, of New York city, delivered a well thought out and timely address on the subject, 'Protestantism's Time of Testing and the Responsibility of the Lutheran Church in View Thereof.' The service concluded with the hymn, 'A Mighty Fortress,' and the benediction spoken by the Rev. E. A. Yehl, of Bangor, Pa. In all likelihood, a similar reunion will be held next year."

PENNSYLVANIA.

—The annual convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Kittanning, Rev. George U. Preuss, pastor, September 25 and 26, 1906. Delegates and visitors desiring information concerning railroad rates, etc., can secure the same by writing H. L. Hungerford, Wilkesbarre, Chairman of Transportation Committee.

Philadelphia District

—The Philadelphia District Luther League held a regular convention on Tuesday evening, May 22, in the Church of the Transfiguration, Rev. A. C. Carty, pastor. The topic, "Practical Parish Work for the League," was ably introduced by Rev. H. S. Knabenschuh, of Brooklyn, N. Y. In a thorough discussion of this subject it was seen that many of the locals in this district are engaged actively in practical work. The reports of all committees were encouraging. The daily noonday Lenten services, which were conducted in St. John's Church, proved very satisfactory. The district is comprised of twenty-five local Leagues, with a membership of 1,783. The executive committee announced the probability of a joint rally with the Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Districts, to be held some time in July.

Catawissa District

—The annual convention of the Catawissa District Luther League will be held September 6 and 7, 1906, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Mifflinville, Pa., Rev. C. F. Dry, pastor. A very interesting program has been arranged. Among the speakers will be Rev. Stephen Paulson and Rev. C. G. Bikle, both of Williamsport; Rev. S. J. Taylor, Selinsgrove; Rev. D. E. Rupley, Millersburg. Any Young People's Society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran church, is eligible for membership in the District League and entitled to five delegates. Send the names of delegates to Miss Carrie Dry, Mifflinville, Pa., not later than September 1.

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Berks County District

—The fiftieth quarterly convention of the District Luther League of Berks County was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Hamburg, Rev. H. C. Kline, pastor, on Thursday, April 19. The service at the morning session was conducted by Rev. C. E. Kistler, of Alsace Lutheran Church, Reading. The address of welcome was made by Mr. William Merkel, president of St. John's Luther League. The response was made by Dr. O. J. Specker, the president of the District League. The sum of $11 was reported by the treasurer as received toward the General Secretary's salary fund. One hundred and twenty-three subscriptions to THE REVIEW were received by the literature secretary. The topic, "The Duty of the Luther League to the Newly Confirmed Church Members," was opened by Mr. Robert E. Cummins, of Alsace Lutheran Church. At the afternoon session the devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Umbenhen, of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville. Then followed a symposium on "Christ's Commission to Peter." (*a*) "The Shepherd—The Pastor; His Relation to His People," was discussed by Rev. George S. Seaman, of Trinity Lutheran Church, Leesport; (*b*) "The Sheep—The Confirmed Church Members; Their Duties and Privileges," by Dr. E. W. Mentzer, Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading; (*c*) "The Lambs—The Children; Their Care in the Sunday School," by Mrs. Joseph W. Shomo, of St. John's Lutheran Church, Hamburg; (*d*) "The Fold—The Church; Her Purpose," by Rev. Charles E. Kistler. The topic, "The Lutheran Doctrine of Conversion," was opened by the Rev. J. H. Umbenhen. The devotional services of the evening session were conducted by Rev. H. C. Kline. An address on the subject "Christ's Commission to the Church" was made by Rev. J. H. Umbenhen. Thirteen local Leagues were represented by thirty-six delegates and five of the local pastors were present. The fifty-first convention will be held on Thursday, July 12, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Sinking Spring, Rev. J. W. Lazarus, pastor.

Greensburg District

—The convention of the Greensburg District League was held in Trinity Lutheran Church,

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Latrobe, Rev. I. K. Wismer, pastor, on Saturday, June 8, beginning at 9:30 in the morning. Devotional exercises were conducted by the president, W. A. Zundel. A Senior League model program, using the Topic for June 17, was conducted by the president of the District League. Short papers were read as follows: "What is Baptism?" by Miss Van Gilder, delegate from Uniontown; "The Meaning of Baptism," by Miss Clara Altman, delegate from Harrison City; "The Significance of Baptism," by Mr. R. M. Graham, delegate from Ligonier; "Who Should Be Baptized?" by Miss Grace Streickle, delegate from West Newton; "The Mode of Baptism," by Mr. Charles Smith, delegate from Jeannette. The reports of officers followed. The subject, "What Benefit is the Luther League to a Church Member?", was presented in a paper by Mr. Frank Bossart, delegate from Youngstown, followed by general discussion on the subject. The session adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. Wismer, of Latrobe. The afternoon session opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. Spiggle, of Youngstown. The subject "The Luther League for Lutheran Young People" was opened by Mr. Harry E. Blank, delegate from First Church, Greensburg. This was followed by a general discussion of the subject. A Junior Luther League model program was conducted by Miss Ida May Wismer, of Latrobe, with the Latrobe Juniors participating.

A motion was adopted to use the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW as the official organ of the Greensburg District League and to publish all matters of interest to the local League. Miss Ida May Wismer, of Latrobe, was chosen as the regular correspondent. It was decided to continue the holding of quarterly meetings, and an invitation having been extended, Irwin was selected as the place for holding the next meeting.

The committee on nominations made the following report: For president, W. A. Zundel, Greensburg; vice president, M. E. Shoner, Jeannette; recording secretary, Miss Lizzie Wallace, Greensburg; statistical secretary, Harry Landis, Penn; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. G. Sample, Greensburg; treasurer, Frank P. Walthour Greensburg. The ticket was unanimously elected.

The following persons were chosen as delegates to the National Convention at Canton, Ohio: M. E. Shoner, Jeannette; Rev. Herbsler, Irwin; Harry Thompson, Latrobe.

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District League also is a delegate by virtue of his office. The session adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. Miller.

The evening session opened with vesper service by Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D. An address was delivered by William N. McNair, Esq., of Pittsburg, President of the Pennsylvania State League.

OHIO.

—On Sunday evening, June 3, ten new members were added to the Luther League, of Salem congregation, Lewisburg, Rev. E. M. Potts, Ph.D., pastor, and six were added at the first meeting in May. The newly elected president is Mr. Ira Albert; secretary, Miss Hazel Gay.

NEW JERSEY.

—The Lutheran Young People's Union of the German Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, celebrated its fourteenth anniversary on Sunday, May 20. The members assembled in the school building and entered the church in a body, occupying seats reserved for them. The vesper service was used. The Rev. D. W. Peterson, of Middle Village, N. Y., spoke words of encouragement and admonition in the English language and Dr. G. C. Bukemeier, of the Wartburg Orphan Farm School, delivered an address in German upon the development of spiritual life. Miss Mary Koenig, the recording secretary of the union, sang a solo, and the Luther League Rally Hymn was sung in conclusion. The Young People's Union numbers ninety-two members, and contributed $700 toward the church building fund in the current year. It has not only assisted the congregation in various ways, but has also several times aided needy congregations. Rev. C. G. Fischer is pastor. On Thursday evening, May 24, the annual business meeting of the Union was held in the school hall, and the reports of various officers of the past year were read, after which the election of new officers took place, resulting as follows: President, Mr. Adam Laux; vice president, Mr. William Fricke; second vice president, Mr. Ernest Fricke; recording secretary, Miss Marie Koenig; financial secretary, Miss Ottilie Koenig; treasurer, Miss Lillian E. Guenther. At the conclusion of the business an interesting program was rendered, and the Rev. F. C. Krapf, President of the State League, made an address telling of the advantages of the State League, and making an earnest plea for an increased effort to carry out the principles of the society.

ILLINOIS

Chicago District

—The spring convention of the Luther League of Chicago was held Monday, May 28, in Zion Norwegian Lutheran Church, Rev. C. K. Solberg, pastor. The church was crowded. Rev. Adolph Hult gave an inspiring address on "The Luther League and Its Duties to the Newly Confirmed," followed by an address on "My Duties to My League," by Rev. J. R. E. Hunt. During the business session resolutions were adopted by the League as follows: To divide the League into three divisions, one for each section of the city, and to hold quarterly rallies in each section, the annual convention to be a joint rally for all divisions. The president gave a report of a delegates' meeting, called by him in April, and it was resolved that delegates' meetings be held monthly hereafter, the object of these meetings being to have present a representation from each League in the city for the purpose of discussing questions of interest to the Chicago League. After the benediction refreshments were served by the local League in the church parlors, terminating the most successful and best attended quarterly convention ever held by the Luther League of Chicago.

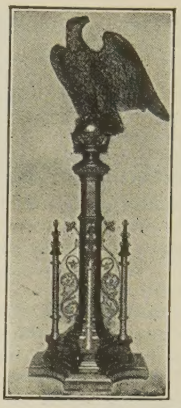
—On July 28 the Luther League of Chicago will run its annual lake excursion to Michigan City, Ind.

—At the close of a very interesting rally, on the evening of June 17, the young people of Calvary Church, Rev. Charles P. MacLaughlin, pastor, organized a Luther League, adopting the model constitution with a few adaptations, and electing the following officers: President, David Astenius; vice president, Miss Clara R. Stuckenberg; recording secretary, Miss Ethel D. Bantz; corresponding secretary, Miss Florence Langosch; treasurer, Mr. Alfred Arensen.

—A Luther League was recently organized in Epiphany English Lutheran Church, a mission under the General Council Mission Board, Student Herman Wennermark, acting pastor. The League has already twenty-eight members. It meets the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month and is doing good work.

Northern Illinois District

—The annual convention of the Young People's Association of Northern Illinois was held in St. Paul's Church, Dixon, Rev. W. L. Rutherford, pastor, June 12 to 14. The opening address was delivered by Rev. D. F. Thomas, Washington, Ill., on the subject, "The Young People's Part in the Coming of the Kingdom." On the second evening of the convention Rev. S. J. McDowell,



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field secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, delivered an address on "Seeing Visions." The president, Miss Nell Robinson, presided over the day sessions. By a vote that was practically unanimous it was decided to affiliate with the Luther League of Illinois, as a district organization, and delegates to the coming convention were appointed. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Nell Robinson, of Dixon; first vice president, Miss Marie Vose, of Chicago; second vice president, Miss Jessie Holland, of Washington; third vice president, Miss Alta Shager, of Sharon, Wis.; secretary, Miss Bessie Hoofstitler, of Sterling; treasurer, Mr. E. F. Lied, of Freeport.

WASHINGTON.

Puget Sound District

—The Puget Sound District Luther League held its third convention in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Seattle, Rev. H. A. W. Yung, pastor, May 8 and 9, 1906. Delegates were present from Bellingham, Everett, Tacoma, Seattle and Kent. Wash., and Westminster, B. C., and were also represented by their pastors. The beautiful chapel was tastefully decorated with the Luther League colors. The convention opened on Tuesday evening with a sermon by Rev. Theodore Schonberg, of Bellingham, who took as his text, Phil., 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." The pastor of Holy Trinity then delivered an address of welcome. He said: "Standing beneath this beautiful display of our Luther League colors we would have them inspire our thoughts. They proclaim our sonship in Christ Jesus and our brotherhood in His Church. They remind us that we have all been redeemed from the blackness of sin, by One who came with garments dyed in red, and whose blood cleanseth us from all sin, so that there is given unto us the white robe of a perfect righteousness, filling us with a hope that reaches above the blue of the heavens, and pointing to the golden crown of everlasting life. Thus thinking of what we are in Christ and His Church, I bid you welcome." A reception was tendered the visiting delegates. The Wednesday morning session was opened by Rev. C. F. W. Stoever, of Tacoma, with a devotional service. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Sidney R. Johnson, Seattle; recording secretary, Miss Lora Fathland, Tacoma; corresponding secretary, Walter A. Schulz, Tacoma; treasurer, Miss Olga Plambeck, Everett. The Seattle League gave a model topic study on the topic, "The Luther League for Lutheran Young People." In the afternoon the program called for three papers, dealing with the social, educational, devotional and practical features of the League. In the absence of Rev. Edwards, of the United Norwegian Church, of Bellingham, to whom the first topic was assigned, a free discussion was had. Miss Hilda Dalquist, of Everett, presented an excellent paper on "The Educational Feature of the League." Miss Erma Laffaw, of Tacoma, read a well prepared paper on the "Devotional and Practical Features of the League." The subjects were freely dis-

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cussed to the instruction and edification of all present. A question box was opened, which called forth some of the best thoughts of the convention. At the Rally meeting, held on Wednesday evening, the speakers were the Rev. B. A. Sand, of Everett, and Rev. C. F. W. Stoever, of Tacoma. The former took as his theme, "I seek my brethren," Gen., 37:16, and gave one of the most helpful and interesting talks of the convention. Rev. Stoever's closing address emphasized three factors in successful Church work, as exemplified in the lives of the fathers—love, service, sacrifice. He said in part: "Let me assure you that I want to see this great Luther League movement go on in the uninterrupted march of her magnificent progress toward that immortal destiny which I believe she is designed to fulfill. I want to see the Luther League go on, because I believe that in her destiny is encompassed the hope and future of the grand old Lutheran Church. Let us give our concentrated, consecrated service. The Luther League will be just what we make it. If we serve it, it will serve us. It can never be higher than those who constitute it. Let us not be like the man who planted a tin can and lamented because he did not get a crop of tomatoes. The success of the Luther League depends upon the positive characters who have the courage to stand up and assert themselves. The hero is a positive character because he does not stop to think of expediency or doubt, but convinced of right he goes forward. Such men lift the centuries and mark them with deeds of valor and glory." A feature of both evening meetings was the excellent music rendered by the Holy Trinity Choir. Two anthems were given on each evening. Miss Adele Nyquist and Miss Frances Wilfert sang solos. The session closed with the singing of the Rally Hymns.

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